ABBOTSIDE WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

1552-1688

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PREFACE

The wills and admons, bonds and inventories, abstracts of which form the contents of this volume, are those of residents of the townships of High & Low Abbotside, which from 1723 were known as the manors of High & Low Abbotside but had formerly been called the manor of Wensleydale. The area is the same as that covered by a survey made in 1613/14, which was edited for the Record Series by Dr T. S. Willan of Manchester University and formed the first part of our Volume No. 104.

In his introduction Dr. Willan dealt in some detail with the chain of ownership of the manor. Here I need only say that before the Dissolution the whole area belonged to Jervaulx Abbey (hence 'the Abbot's side of Yore') the origins of which, indeed, lay in Low Abbotside. The names of George Cole, of John and Alexander Coleby and of the Lowther family occur in many of the wills as those of 'the lords of the soil'. They were the successors of Henry VIII, of the Dukes of Lennox and of Queen Elizabeth 1.

Will No. 94 is in the possession of Dr. Willan and appears here by his kind permission. Nos. 74 to 79 inclusive were proved at Westminster during the Commonwealth; photo-copies of these I obtained from Somerset House, where they now lie. All the rest of the documents abstracted are in the custody of the Leeds City Archivist and belonged to the Archdeaconry Court of Richmond, then a part of the Diocese of Chester. In accordance with the Public Records Act, 1958, I record the fact that transcripts of Crown-copyright documents appear by permission of the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office.

Abbotside is bounded on the east by Paddock Beck, which separates the 'low township' from Askrigg; on the south by the River Yore, except for a few fields here and there which, because of changes in the course of the river over the centuries, are now on the 'wrong' bank – north or south as the case may be; on the west, by the Yorkshire/Westmorland border; and on the north by the Yore/Swale watershed.

The whole lay in the ancient parish of Aysgarth, the largest in Yorkshire and one of the largest in England. There was, however, a chapel at Askrigg from very early times, and it will be noticed that most of the testators wished to be buried there, even when they lived at Hardraw or at Lunds, at both of which places small chapels had also been built before 1552.

It may be helpful if I quote here the names of the hamlets and isolated farms which were the homes of the testators of wills or of those whose intestate estates were the subject of grants of admon. Travelling from west to east, they were: in High Abbotside, Lunds (or Helbeck Lunds, as it was frequently called), Cotterdale, Newhouse(s) (later known as Pry House), Fossdale (or Forsdale), Hardraw, Simonstone, Sedbusk, Litherskew and Camshouse; in Low Abbotside, Holehouse (now vanished), Shaw Cote, Brockhill Cote, Yorescott, Skellgill, Helm and Grange (or Dale Grange).

My grateful thanks are due to Mr. Collinson, the Leeds City Archivist, and his staff for their unfailing helpfulness over a long period.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

The Abbotside wills which I have extracted from amongst those proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Richmond form a continuous if irregularly representative series throughout the period covered by this volume. Not all the gaps are easy to explain. Although, for instance, nine wills were proved between 1552 & 1558, there were no more until 1571. The perambulations and vicissitudes of the documents may be one reason. At various times they were housed at Richmond, at Kendal and at Chester, and on at least one occasion were transported across the Pennines in open carts in the depths of winter, when one of the carts lost a wheel and the contents were deposited in a ditch. Many of the surviving wills and inventories are in very poor condition – torn, stained and frayed at the edges – and although the long process of repair is in course, each time the documents are handled leads inevitably to further deterioration.

Another gap occurred (and not only in Abbotside) during the Civil War, and no Abbotside wills survive after 1642 until 1654. There are only six which were proved under the Commonwealth (when no doubt the necessity of London probate was a deterrent) yet in the decade 1661-1670, the years following the Restoration, there were no less than twenty-nine. The meagre total of six wills in nineteen years must surely imply that executors were reluctant to have recourse to the court, unless indeed many wills during that particular period have been lost. After the Restoration there was a steady flow of wills and grants of administration.

I should like to have been able to check the wills with the Registers but those for the 16th century are full of gaps and there are none at all for the 17th. Only Nos. 1, 3, 15 & 29 appear in the extant registers, apart from Nos. 12 & 13 for which the relative wills are not in the file; in those two cases I have recorded the brief details given in the Register entries.

The Consistory Court Act Books have survived in greater numbers but are little more helpful. Several overlap in date but there are some complete years missing, other gaps occur and some of the sheets are worm-eaten or in fragments. There are also anomalies; in one case, for instance, there is no record of an Admon Act, yet a caveat is entered in the Act Book against granting admon to anyone but a named individual. An endorsement on the relative inventory in the file shows that he was, in fact, the ultimate administrator. After 1614 the Act Books seem to be very incomplete; half the years between 1629 & 1640 are unrepresented, and so is the period 1642-1664 inclusive.

The earliest wills printed in this volume are registry copies but for most of the period covered, the original will is in the file, with a note of probate at foot or endorsed. Presumably a registry copy would be handed to the executor(s). The six Commonwealth wills are taken direct from the London Register.

Original wills and inventories give an opportunity to gauge the extent of literacy in the area. Although the standard varied over our period, in general it was higher than might be expected in so isolated a rural district.

The probable explanation is the existence of Yorebridge Grammar School, which was founded in 1601 by Anthony Besson of Gray's Inn, an attorney to Star Chamber but a native of the Dale. The modern school buildings stand in Low Abbotside but the original site was just south of Yorebridge, to the east of the road from Bainbridge.

When a mark was made by those who could not write, I have indicated the fact by a cross between the christian name and the surname. It was a feature of Abbotside wills and other documents that the marks made (by the men, at least) were not merely formal crosses but distinctive signs which I suspect were the users' sheep-marks; as such they would be well known to everyone in the district. They are, at any rate, consistently used by each individual whenever he had to attest.

As to the method of abstract, I cannot do better than quote from the late J. W. Clay's introduction to Vol. 9 of the Record Series: 'Canon Raine, in his preface to the fifth volume of "Testamenta Eboracensia", justly observed that it is impossible to print all Wills in full. With this I fully agree, but I have endeavoured in these abstracts to include all the genealogical matter, and as much as possible to preserve the phraseology and some of the quaint spelling.'

I have followed his example, in most cases omitting legal repetitions and anything else which appears to me inessential, but without altering the original spelling, which often suggests the pronunciation of the period and place.

The writers of wills made erratic use of capital letters; I have used them only in accordance with modern practice. I have extended formal abbreviations and have used 'th' in place of such notional occurrences of the Anglo-Saxon letter *thorn* as in y^{e}, y^{t} and y^{s}. In general, formal linking words and phrases such as 'Item' and 'I give and bequeath' have been omitted where the sense is quite clear without them.

Where probate has been granted to one named executor, I have merely recorded the fact and the date of probate, but where the grant was made to less than all named executors, I have indicated the grantee(s), with a note of the reservation of probate to the other(s). In the case of admons, I have summarised the details of the relative bond, and similarly with Tuition Bonds.

In most of the inventories, the values were set out in a vertical column but in order to save space I have recorded both the details of goods and their value in horizontal line sequence.

Both wills and admons are listed in order of the date of the grant, as shown in the table which precedes the text.

The officials of the court were by no means uniform in their methods of recording grants, and there is substantial variation in the number and type of accompanying documents. The normal procedure was to note probate at the foot of the will or in an endorsement. In some cases of intestacy there is a bond for due administration with the papers; in others a note of the grant of admon was set out at the foot of the inventory, with no evidence that a bond had been taken. Sometimes there is merely a

certified copy of the grant, the original, bearing the seal of the Archdeaconry, having been issued to the administrator(s). Again, there is no evidence of a bond.

In those few instances where the will was disputed for some reason, I have summarised the depositions made when the case came to court, in brackets beneath the note of probate.

The only abbreviations I have used in the text are 'Admon' for (Grant of) Administration and 'Wit' for Witness(es).

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1552-1688

SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS

All are printed in the order shown. With one exception (No. 94, q.v.) the list is prepared in order of the date of the grant of probate or admon, where known. If it is not known, the date of one of the other documents is given. E.g., 1552. W,I shows that probate was granted in 1552, and that the relative documents are a Will and an Inventory, whilst W 1552, I indicates that there is no record of a grant of probate, that the Will was made in 1552, and that it is accompanied by an Inventory.

ABBREVIATIONS

A Admon (by separate deed) Ac Account B Bond for due performance C Citation D Depositions I Inventory N Nuncupative P Probate (by separate deed) R Renunciation T Tuition Bond or Grant W Will

Serial
No.

1. John Parkin of Lunds, 1552. W,I.
2. Edmund Coates of Skellgill, W 1552. I.
3. George Metcalfe of Yorescott, 1553. W.
4. Catherine Thwait(e) of Sedbusk, 1555. W,I.
5. Francis Parkin, probably of Lunds, 1556. W,I.
6. Elizabeth Thwaite, probably of Skellgill, W 1557. I.
7. William Parkin, probably of Lunds, 1558. W,I.
8. John Parkin, probably of Lunds, 1558. W.
9. George Parker (or Parkin), probably of Lunds, 1558. W.
10. John Whalley of Newhouse, 1571. W,I.
11. James Braderige of Brockhill Cote, 1572. NW,I.
12. John Metcalfe of Dale Grange, W 1573.
13. George Metcalfe, 1573. W.
14. John Shaw of Simonstone, W 1573.
15. Ralph Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1576. W,I.
16. Thomas Metcalfe of Fossdale, 1577. W,I.
17. John Parkin of Helbeck Lunds, 1581. W,I.
18. Peter Metcalfe of Fossdale, 1582. W.
19. Alexander Metcalfe of Holmehouse, W 1582.
20. Jane Parkin of Helbeck Lunds, I 1585.
21. Robert Calvert of Helm, 1586. W.
22. Matthew Thwaite of Sedbusk, 1586. W,I.
23. James Parkin of Helbeck Lunds, 1587. W,I.
24. Edmund Blyth of Helm, 1589. W,I.
25. Reginald Parkin of Helbeck Lunds, 1591. W,I.
26. Luke Thwaytes of Skellgill, 1591. W,I,T.
27. Oswald Tatham of Helbeck Lunds, 1593. W.

28. Bartholomew Thwaites of Sedbusk, 1595. I.
29. Rowland Parkin of Lunds, I 1597.
30. John (alias Jenkyn) Morland of Helbeck Lunds, 1597. W,I.
31. Elizabeth Morland of Helbeck Lunds, W 1598. I.
32. Edward Guy of Brockhill Cote, 1599. W,I.
33. Abraham Pratt of Skellgill, W *c*1600. I.
34. Thomas Thwaite(s) of Sedbusk, 1601. W,I.
35. Michael Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1601. W,I.
36. Richard Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1601. A.
37. Elizabeth Metcalfe of Simonstone, 1602. W,I.
38. Henry Nelson of Camshouse, 1603. W,I.
39. Helen Alderson of Sedbusk, 1604. NW,I.
40. George Wynne of Cotterdale, 1604. I.
41. Peter Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1604. W,I.
42. Rowland Shaw of Helbeck Lunds, 1605. NW.
43. Matthew Thwaytes of Sedbusk, 1605. W,I.
44. Christopher Blades of Helbeck Lunds, 1606. W,I.
45. Christopher Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1608. W.
46. Richard Kettlewell of Camshouse, 1609. W,I.
47. Anne Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1611. W,I.
48. William Nelson of Camshouse, 1616. A.
49. Jane Nelson of Camshouse, 1617. W,I.
50. Jeffray Pratt of Holehouse, 1617. W,I.
51. Thomas Sharp of Cotterdale, 1618. W,I.
52. John Shaw of Cotterdale, 1618. W,I.
53. James Outhwaite of Camshouse, I 1619.
54. Edward Nelson of Grange, 1621. W.
55. Christopher Moore of Cotterdale, 1623. I,A.
56. Cuthbert Shaw of Lunds, 1624. W.
57. Thomas Barton of Helbeck Lunds, 1624. W,I,D.
58. Augustine Metcalfe of Yorescott, 1627. W,I.
59. Gregory Mallory of Sedbusk, 1628. I,A.
60. John Pratt of Brockhill Cote, 1629. W.
61. George Thwaites of Skellgill, 1630. C,A.
62. George Cole of the Inner Temple, 1630. W,I,C,A.
63. Joan Cole of Hardraw, 1630. I.
64. George Thwaites of Camshouse, 1632. I,A.
65. Edward Fawcett of Helbeck Lunds, 1632. I.
66. John Parkin of Helbeck Lunds, 1634. W,I.
67. Ninian Lin of Sedbusk, 1638. W.
68. Richard Blades of Brockhill Cote, 1638. NW,I.
69. James Blades of Sedbusk, 1638. W,I.
70. Thomas Shaw of Lunds, 1638. NW.
71. Edmund Coates, senior, of Skellgill, 1638. W,I.
72. Richard Coates of Skellgill, 1639. I,A.
73. Roger Metcalfe of Grange, 1642. I,A.
74. Nicholas Thwaits of Litherskew, 1654. W.
75. George Thwaits of Sedbusk, 1654. W.
76. Thomas Pratt of Skellgill, 1656. NW.

77. Thomas Thwaites of Hardraw, 1656. NW.
78. William Hunter of Lunds, 1658. W.
79. Anthony Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1659. W.
80. John Blades of East Lunds, 1661. W,I,B,T.
81. John Kettlewell of Camshouse, 1661. I,B.
82. Thomas Lambert of Yorescott, 1661. I,R,B.
83. Augustine Metcalfe of Cotterdale, 1661. W,I,B.
84. George Caygill of Skellgill, 1661. I.
85. Joan Pratt (alias Metcalfe) of Sedbusk, 1661. B.
86. Richard Caygill of Skellgill, 1663. W,I,B.
87. Henry Metcalfe the elder of Sedbusk, 1663. W,B,I.
88. Humphrey Gibson of Helbeck Lunds, 1664. NW,I,B.
89. John Metcalfe of Cotterdale, 1664. W,I,B,T.
90. John Pratt of Brockhill Cote, 1665. W,B.
91. John Guy of Brockhill Cote, 1666. I,B,T.
92. Thomas Gibson of Sedbusk, 1666. I,B.
93. Augustine Metcalfe of Sedbusk, 1666. I,C,B,T,Ac.
94. John Thompson of Sedbusk, W 1659.
95. Richard Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1667. W,I,B.
96. John Blades of Brockhill Cote, 1667. NW,B,D,C,I.
97. Abraham Blyth of Helm, 1667. C,Monition,B.Ac.
98. Christopher Routh of Hardraw, 1668. W,I,B,2T.
99. Mary Scarr of Litherskew, 1668. NW,B.
100. Thomas Fawcett of Lunds, 1668. W,2A,I,B.
101. Elizabeth Fawcett of Lunds, 1668. B.
102. Thomas (or John) Caygill of Dale Grange, 1669. I,B.
103. Richard Caygill of Skellgill, 1669. NW,I,B,T.
104. Anne Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1669. I,B.
105. Richard Pratt of Holehouse, 1669. W,I,B,P.
106. Michael Denison of Lunds, 1670. I,B,Ac.
107. George Wilson of Lunds, 1670. W,I,B.
108. William Denison of Lunds, 1670. W,I,B.
109. Robert Winn of Brockhill Cote, 1671. NW,I,B,T.
110. Bernard Smith of Camshouse, 1672. W,I,B,T.
111. William Holme of Cotterdale, 1673. I,B.
112. William Harrison of Litherskew, 1673. I,B,T.
113. James Pratt, senior, of Skellgill, 1673. W,I,B.
114. Jeffrey Pratt of Holehouse, 1673. W,I,B.
115. Christopher Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1673. W,I,B.
116. William Parkin, senior, of Helbeck Lunds, 1674. W,I,B.
117. Wilfrid Moore of Cotterdale, 1674. I,B.
118. Christopher Wilkinson, senior, of Helbeck Lunds, 1674. W,I,B.
119. Peter Watson, senior, of Skellgill, 1674. W,I,B.
120. William Croft, junior, of Helm, 1675. I,B.
121. Francis Lambert of Yorescott, 1675. W,I,B.
122. Joan Watson of Skellgill, 1677. I,B.
123. James Blades of Helbeck Lunds, 1677. W,I,B,T.
124. Mabel Gibson of Helbeck Lunds, 1677. W,B.
125. Tristram Blades, senior, of Shaw Cote, 1677. I,B.

126. William Dawson of Helbeck Lunds, 1677. W,I,B.
127. Francis Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1678. I,B,T.
128. Edmund Shaw of Helbeck Lunds, 1678. W,I,B,T.
129. Richard Blyth of Low Helm, 1678. W,I,B.
130. Thomas Metcalfe of Brockhill Cote, 1679. I,B.
131. Thomas Caygill, senior, of Skellgill, 1679. I,R,B.
132. George Winn of Sedbusk, 1680. B.
133. Anne Metcalfe of East Grange, 1681. W.
134. George Johnson of Skellgill, 1681. W,I,B.
135. Edward Wright of Sedbusk, 1681. I,B.
136. Anne Blades of Helbeck Lunds, 1683. I,B.
137. Alice Lambert of Yorescott, 1684. W,I,B.
138. Roger Carrs of Sedbusk, 1684. I,B,T.
139. Edmund Holme of Cotterdale, 1684. W,I,B,T.
140. Alice Metcalfe of East Grange, 1684. W,I,B.
141. John Falder of Simonstone, 1685. B.
142. Edward Dent of Helbeck Lunds, 1686. I,B,T.
143. John Metcalfe of Hardraw, 1686. I,B,R.
144. Ralph Blades of Helbeck Lunds, 1687. I,B,T.
145. Alexander Metcalfe of Sedbusk, 1687. I,B.
146. Henry Dawson of Lunds, 1688. B.
147. Elizabeth Pratt of Shaw Cote, 1688/9. I,B.

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[1] John Parkin of Lunds

20 May 1551. John Parkyn, sicke in my body. First I beqweith my soule on to All Myghtye God and to the intercessione of Our Blyssyt Lady Saynct Mary[1] with all the holye company of heven. To be buried within the churche garth of Askrygg. I bequeith on to our chapell if it be suffered to stande 3/4. To Sir John Garlyke[2] 4d. To Syr Percevall Atkynson[3] my Curet 8d. To Ranalde Dodye one youe when she is clipt. To Margaret Brantwaith one wader when is clippt. To Jenett Atkynson one youe. To Rycharde Brantwaith one wader when he is clippt. To James Doddye two lambes. To Ryc Parkyn my brother sone my best rament, also I wyll that he shall have my fermolde after the deith of my wyfe; also if my wyfe mary she shall have none of my fermolde, but my brother sone Rychard shall have my fermolde be the lycens of the lorde. Also the forsayde Ryc Parkyn my brother sone doith promyse me by his fidelite that he, nor none of hys, shall never hurt my wyfe so longe as she leves, nother by hys lette nor by no troble, provydid all wais that if it plese God my wyfe dye before Ryc Parkyn she shall devyde the one halfe of her goodes in her wyll, to the forsayde Ric or his assygnes. To Ellis Perkyn 3/4. Also I take it uppon my charge that I doe awe nothyng to James Dodyng nor to Christofer Hudson wyfe, nor my cister Jenet Atkynson. The rest whollye to Margaret my wyfe whome I maike holle executrix.

Wit: John Shawe [*Jurat*], Ryc Perkyn, Ryc Turnay, Gyles Turnay, Sir Percevall Atkynson[3] my Curett with oder mo.

Fordermore the forsayd John Parkyn examined by certayn honeste persons whether he owght ony thyng to Rych Brawnthwaite or hys mother the sayd John Parkyn answered that he dyd awe nothyng at all, as he wyll answar before God and the Devyll at the day of judgementt. Witnesses of this Sir John Garlyke[2], John Parkyn the elder, John Parkyn the yongger, Frances Parkyn.

[Probate 22 June 1552]

The Inventorie of John Parkyn of Londes prised by us: John Parkyn the elder, Richard Parkyn, John Shawe, John Parkyn the yonger.
One skabde meare nothing. £4 [*sic*] kye price £4. One whi & a calfe 15/-. Two stirkes 10/-. 10 yowes 30/-. 7 hogges price 14/-. all howseholde stuffe with his rayment 3/-. *Summa* is £7: 12: –.

[1] The will was written during the reign of Edward VI, when a bequest of the soul in Catholic form would not be viewed with favour by the authorities. This was an isolated district, however, slow to change its ways, and formerly the property of Jervaulx Abbey.

[2] 'Sir' John Garlyke was no doubt the Curate of Lunds Chapel.

[3] 'Sir' Percival Atkinson was the Curate of Askrigg; appointed in the reign of Henry VIII he survived until 1587.

Debtes owyng to diverse persones: Anthony Necollson wyf 5/-. Richard Necolson 5/-. Aleson Blaydes 4/-. Henry Shawe 12/-. George Birkdall 5/-. Richarde Turnay 6/8. Adam Stolthroppe 6/8. Christofer Blaides 4/8. Thomas Metcalfe 14d. Alexander Ingram 3/2. Debtes unto the chappell 3/4. Gyles Turnay 5/-. The somme of the dettes is £3. 20d. *Summa de claro* £4 : 10 : 4.

[2] [Probably intended as] Edmund Coates of Skellgill

[A mutilated will; much is missing altogether and some of the rest is in shreds. I record everything which survives and is legible; the dots indicate the missing portions]

In Dei Nomine Amen the 28th day of November the year . . . 1552 I Edmunde Coott of Skylegg sicke in my . . . in maner and forme folowyng First I beqw . . . on to All Myghtye God and to all the holly . . . omp . . . and my body to be buryed with in the churche earth . . . Item I beqweith on to my dowghter Agnas Coot 5 markes . . . kye also I beqweith on to my sayd dowghter Agnas 40/- of . . . teys wich I have paid for on to Nynyan . . . Item on to my sone John Coot 20/- . . . craft Item on to my dowghter Dorethye Ralynson . . . and I wyll that the sayd 10/- be paid on to Thos Metcalf . . . theye pay hym, the rest of all my goodes . . . unmoveably my dettes beqweis & funerall . . . content & paid I gyve it holly on to . . . Emonde [*sic*] Coott ['& Mychaell Coott' deleted] wome I . . . executors of this my last wyll Wytnesses of this . . . calf . . . John Coot Sir Percevall Atkynson. Dettes which is aw . . . *In primis* Sir Christofer Metcalf kynght [*sic*] . . . 4 gaytes also 9/- for hens go . . . Rogeson 2/- Item uxor Emond [*sic*] Ing . . . one horse that was paid on to Christofer Nor . . . 18d for wolle Item Ryc Metcalf of gr . . . lent on to hym Item Rauffe Metcalf 12d . . . Bradryg 3/- Item Sir John Prat and James Thwaith . . . Item the executores of George Yourescott 3/4 for saltfese . . . for gres. Dettes which I aw . . . Imprimis to my brother James Coot . . . sonne 9/- ['Item Sir Christofer Metcalfe knyght' deleted; no doubt this was the debtor entry already entered above] . . . Harddray Chapill 2/8 Item Thomas Atky . . . Item on to John Close 2/- Item on to Robart . . . Item on to James Bradryg two catilles gait . . .

The invetorie of all & synguler goodes and catales with all insyght and beddyng which was Edmunde Coot departed prysed by us Anthony Besson, Abraham Coot, John Waderatt, Rycharde Metcalf.

In primis Item two kye price 40/-. Item all maner of household stufe 10/-.

Dettes that is awne on to me by dyvers persones *In primis* ['Item Christofer Metcalf kynght [*sic*] 20/-. Foure gaites & henes, gyes and beis 9/-. Item Rychard Robinson 2/-' all deleted]

Item uxor Edmund Ingram 2/- for one horse which was paid on to . . . ofer . . . also [The remainder of the document, which is tattered at the foot, is missing]

[On the cover of the will, in 18th century hand, is written: '1500 Coote Edmundi nuper de Skeby Deft Test et Invt.' Both the year and the

place are wrongly stated. The reason for the former error is obvious; the will is dated in roman numerals, MCCCCC, followed by a wide gap and then lij, which latter figures were obviously missed. It is also not surprising that the non-existent 'Skylegg' should have been mis-read. Skeeby was in Easby parish]

[There is no record of the probate date]

[3] George Metcalfe of Yorescott

18 July 1552. Geoge [*sic*] Metcalf of Youerskote in Wenslaydale hole of mynd and remembrance. Fyrst I gyve my soule hollie in to the handes of Allmyghtie God and to the holye compayny of heven. To be buried in the churche of Askryg. Unto the said Churche 3/4. To the mendynge of Yoweres Bryge 6/8. To Wyllyam Nycolson a trottynge meare. To Cyssell Metcalf my brother doughter 4 yowes. To Elyzabethe Nycolson 4 yowes. All the ryste of my goodes unto Cissell my wyf duryng hir liff whome I maike hole and full executrix. Forther be it knowen that I am bounden by my dede obligatorie in a serten summe of money to one James Cote of Broughtonne ny unto Marton for surtishipe of Petre Thoreton and yet is undischargid, for the wyche the said Petre hayth bounden hyme self unto me in an obligation to save and kype me harmeless and discharge me at all tymes hereafter, be it knowen forther that I am bounden unto the said Petre in the sume of fyve pundes upon serten covenantes which he the said Petre is bounden to fulfyll as James Twhait my brother knowes the sayme of the which £5 I did pay unto the saide Petre at Mydlam Faer 50/- be fore the said James.

Dettes that is awen unto me: Antony Metcalf of Grainge 33/4. Recordes of this James Braddrig[1], James Twhaite, Rychard Metcalf of Grainge, John Yngram, Edmund Coote[2], Rauf Metcalf and John Metcalf of Appersid with moy.

[The will is endorsed: '*Probatum fuit*' but no date is quoted. The Register gives the probate date as 16 Feb 1552/3]

[4] Catherine Thwait(e) of Sedbusk

4 Feb 1554 [/5]. Katryng Twhait wedow sicke in my bodye. First I beqweith my soule to All Myghtie God & to all the holy company of heven & my body to be buryed with in the churche garth of Askryg. To Aleson Smyth one lambe & a blyke cott. To Genett Metcalf one blayke gone. To Thos Wagatt wyfe a patecott. To Youres Bryge 20d. To Hardray Chapyll one awtercloth. To the churche 20d to by one alter cloth with all. To Mathewe Tod wyfe one yowe & a lambe. To 5 chyldryn of Nycolas Thwaith every one of them a lambe. To foure chyldren of Mathewe Twhait every one of them a lambe and to my sone Mathewe Thwait & to his wyf £5 and of that £5 is payd £3 before the making herof, if the sayd Mathewe be not content with this £5 then he shal have nothynge at all, but it to remayn to Ezabell my doughter.

[1] His will is No. 11.
[2] His will is No. 2.

To my doughter Elezabeth one ambre, & the sayd ambre to remaynd styll so long as my doughte [*sic*] be unmaryed. All so to the sayd Elezabeth my best gone yf they [*sic*] can be content with this my wyll, or els to have nothynge. This is my mynde that yf my dought. [The sentence was not completed] To my sone Nycolas & hys wyf two kye one calff & 5 youes & to hys wyf one red kyrtill & thre yeardes of carsay, for all hys holle grement of all my goodes. The Resydowe to my doughter Ezabyll Thwaith, whome I make my holle Executrix.

Wit: Sir John Garlyke, John Twhait, Mathewe Tod & Gaudyng Thwait, John Jakeson, Thos Thwait, Sir Percevall Atkynson my Curar [*sic*] with oder mo.

[Probate 8 March 1554/5]

[The will has two endorsements:

(1) Richmond. Cathering Thwayt test parish Ayskarth.

(2) Chatheryne Thwayte Wed. paroch Aiskerth. 8 Martij 1554. 3s/6d.] The Inventorye of all & synguler goods & catales with all insyght and beddynge whiche was Kataryn Thwait wedow of Sydbuske latelye departed prisyd by us Thomas Thwait, Mathewe Tode, James Thwait and Symon Northen

sex kye price £4: 10: –. thre twyntres wheis price 20/-. 4 styrkes price 20/-. two calves price 5/-. a nolde horse price 10/-. 30 youes & gymmares wynterd at home and 10 that is sest to half part price £3. 20 shere wedders 33/4. 15 hoggs price 20/-. all maner off howseholld stuffe and rayment 16/-.

Sum £13: 14: 4.

[5] Francis Parkin [probably of Lunds]

15 Sept 1554. Frances [*sic*] Parkyn sicke in my bodye. First I beqweith my soule on to All Myghtye God & to all the holye company of heven. To be buryed with in the churche garth of Askryg. To my Curat 12d. To Agnes Parkyn, Genet Parkyn & Margaret Parkyn my doughters theire porcions, and what tyme any of theme be maryed my wyfe to helpe theme with her goodes if she be ably. To my wyfe the hole titill of my fermolde duryng her wedowhed and after her deith I gyve it on to my sone Robart Parkyn, and he to gre with his thre bredren at the seight of Wyllm Parkyn, John Parkyn the yonger and John Parkyn the elder & Wyllm Parkyn the yonger. If my children doo lett or sell any parte of my fermolde, theye shall let it to none but my frendes & kynfolkes dwelling at Londes. The reste to my wyfe, whome I maike my hole executrix.

Wit: Syr John Garlyke, John Parkyn, Gaudyn Wylson, John Wylson, Henry Parkyn, Sir Percevall Atkynson,[1] John Jaickson.

[Probate 3 July 1556]

Inventory [undated] by Johne Parkyn, Henry Parkyn, Edmund Blaydes & John Parkyne.

[1] Curate of Askrigg.

4 kye £4. twoo qweis 4 nobles. twoo styrkes 10/-. 9 youes & 9 lambes 24/-. 4 hogges 8/-. twoo twynters waders and twoo toppes 9/4. all manner of howsehold stuffe 5/-. Sum £7 : 3 :– [Should be £8 : 3 :–] Dettes that I awe on to dyverse persons: George Brikedell 20/-. Henry Shway 20/-. Jenkyne Brekes 3/8. John Hotton 3/8. Sum 43/8. [Should be 47/4]

[6] Elizabeth Thwaite [probably of Skellgill][1]

16 Oct 1557. Elezabeith Thwaith wedowe sicke in my body but holy of remembrance. First I beqweith my soule on to All Myghty God and to the intercessyon of Our Blyssyd Lady Saynt Mary[2] and to all the holy company of heven and my body to be buryed within the churche garth of Askryg. To Ceciell Thwaith my dowghter one cowe. To Yoorsbryg 12d. The rest I gyve it wholle on to George Thwaith & Lucas[3] my sonnes whom I maike my hole executores.

Wit: Edmunde Prat, Edmunde Coot.

[On the reverse of this copy will is an inventory of 'Gregore Tomson', undated. The deceased had evidently been a resident of the Askrigg district, if not indeed of Abbotside itself. The inventory included: 'to Yowres Brege 6/8', 'for lying in the churche 6/8', and to the four supervisors of the will (that document is missing) 'John Metkalf, Man Metkalf, James Bradreg, George Faucytt evere on 6/8'. All these are Abbotside names, as are those of the four appraisers of the inventory: 'Wyllam Stakhard, Ryc Gye, Gefray Twhat & Tomas Tonson.']

[There is no note of probate]

The inventorie [undated] of Elezabeith Thwaith prasid by us Edmunde Prat, John Coot, Edmund Coot, Edmund Blyth two kye 40/-. one whye 9/-. 11 shyppe 15/8. haie 20/-. all howsehold stuffe 12d.

Dettes that I awe on to dyvers persons: John Waderat 18/-. Symon Richerson 4d. Agnes Ingrame 20d. *Sum de clare* £3 : 5 : 8.

[7] William Parkin [probably of Lunds]

10 March 1557[/8]. Wyllm Parkyn sicke in my bodye. First I beqweith my soule on to All Myghtye God and to the intercessyon of Oure Blyssyd Laydy Saynte Marye[4] and to all the holy company of heven. To be buried within the churche garth of Askryg. To Wyllm Wyn one youe & a lambe. To John Wyn one lambe. To Christofer Blades & Ezabell Blades other of theme one lambe. Also this is my wyll that Raynolde Parkyn my sone, gyve on to his brothe [*sic*] 20

[1] The will is endorsed 'Elizabethe Thwaits nuper de Askew', but the will makes it clear that this should be Askrigg. Her sons lived at Skellgill and it is most likely that she also lived there.

[2] The will was made during the reign of Mary Tudor, when such a phrase would be orthodox.

[3] Luke Thwaite's will is No. 26. His name was then spelled 'Thwaytes' but in a survey of Abbotside in 1614 his widow was called 'the widow of Luke Thwaite'. As will be seen from the index, there were some twenty variant spellings.

[4] Queen Mary I did not die until Nov. 1558.

noblys for hys hole title and ryght of my fermolde. The reste to my wyf whome I maike hole Executrix.

Wit: Robart Parkyn, Wyllm Parkyn.

[Probate 22 June 1558]

The inventore of all goodes & catalls with all in syght & beddyng which was Wyllm Parkyn prasyd by us John Shawe, John Parkyn, Wyllm Parkyn, Robart Parkyn.

3 meares & a stage £3 : 6 : 8. 6 kye & there calffes £4 : 16 :–. 3 other kye 40/-. two twynters qwyes 18/-. two styrkes 10/-. 20 youes 40/-. 37 weaders £4 : 6 : 4. 25 hogges 37/6. all manner of household stuffe 10/-. Sum £20 : 4 : 6.

Dettes that I awe on to dyverse persones: Gabriell Shawe 25/-. George Brykedell 13/4. Robarte Dawson 4/-. Gylis Mayson 20d. Hery Shawe 10/-. Hery Hoghson 2/8. the chappell[1] 8/8. Robart Faysyd 12d. Agnes Parkyn 2/-. *Sum de clare* £16 : 12 : 2.

[8] John Parkin [probably of Lunds]

27 April 1558. John Perkyn sicke in my bodye. First I beqweith my soule on to All Myghty God and to the intercessyon of Oure Blyssyd Laydy Saynt Mary and to all the holy company of heven. To be buryed with in the churche garth of Askryg. Also it is my wyll that Wyllm Perkyn my sone gyve on to James Perkyn his brother £5 for hys hole title and ryght of my fermolde. The resydewe to my wyf ['and my two sones Wyllm and James' deleted] whome I maike my hole executores [*sic*].

Wit: John Perken, Wyllm Perkyn, Robart Perkyn, Sir John Garlyke with other mo.

[Probate 23 June 1558]

[9] George Parker [or possibly Parkin, probably of Lunds]

9 May 1558. George Par ['kyng' deleted and 'ker' inserted, above] sicke in my bodie. I beqweith my soule on to All Myghtye God and to the intercessyon of Oure Blyssyd Ladye Saynte Marye and to all the holy company of heven. To be buried within the churche garth of Askryg. To Ane my wyf and Mychaell Prakyng [*sic*] my sone all my hole goodes I gyve it wholle on to them twoo whome I maike my hole executores.

Wit: Rycharde Metcalf, John Metcalf of Grayng, Rychard Whallay, John Whalley, John Metcalf of Apersyd, John Gye, Edmunde Syghwyke, Sir Percevall Atkynson my Curat with other mo.

Forthermore I desyre to shewe all my frendes & all my nyghbores that my sone Barnarde Parker is clere out with his chylde porcion & that ye all wyll bere witnesse of the sayme afore named.

Dettes that is awne on to me: Thos Whayllay and Alexander Metcalf 13/4.

[Probate 16 July 1558]

[1] No doubt Lunds Chapel.

[10] John Whalley of Newhouse [later called Pry House]

The 16th daye of December a thousand fyve hundreth thre score & ten, I John Whalley of Newhouse in Wensladaill. To be buryed in the parisshe churche yerd in Askrig. I will that Agnes now my wiff shall have, hold & possess all my fermyng & howses at Newhowse duringe her wydahead or naturall lief, and after her discease or mariage yt to ramayne equally unto my fowre sonnes, that is to say, Umfrey, Michell, John & Thomas, & to be devyded amongest theym if they can not other waise agree amonges theym, and I will that my wif shall have all my goodes, cattelles & houshold for the better bringinge up of my sone Thomas at scoole & my doughter Mabell, and all the sayd goodes to be orderyd at my wiffes discrecyon & as she seeth cawse to distribut my part[1] of yt to suche of my sayd children as she thinketh dothe best deserve yt, & most specially to my sone Thomas & my doughter Mabell, because they ar yonge and unbrought to socoure. The resydewe of all my goodes, cattelles & debtes unto Agnes my wif, and I make the sayd Agnes my wif my soolle & full executor, and I shall requyer my well beloved freyndes, Henrye Forster, Oswolde Metcalf & Andro Whalley my supervisors.

Wit: Edmond Metcalf, James Whalley, William Guy, clarke, John Metcalf of Hardraw, junior, Symon Northinge.

And I will tak upon my charge and conscience that the east car gappe is the trewe and auncyent gappe, bothe in my tyme, my fathers & grandfathers, as far as ever I knewe or ever did perceyve.

Thes ar the debtes that I, John Whalley, dothe awe at this present, as I shall aunswere for at the day of Judgment:
To Thomas Newtone 21/-. to Henry Willsone 5/4. to the Queynes Majestie 46/8. to Robert Holme 9/-.

These are the debtes that is owing unto John Whalley at this present: Antone Metcalf 2/-. James Ingeram 3/2.

Wytnes herof: Edmond Metcalf, James Whalley, William Guy, clarke, John Metcalf of Herdrawe, junior, Symond Northinge.

[Probate 25 April 1571]

[The inventory is written on a very badly rubbed and stained strip of parchment. The greater part of the value column has been obliterated. I record all that can be read, much of it only under an ultra-violet lamp] . . . praised by Abraham Dent . . . Metcalf, Thomas Wynne & . . . Whaley, the second of Marche A° 13tio Elizabeth [i.e., 1570/71]. First 4 kye 51 [? shillings]. 2 whies. 2 sterkes. 1 calf. a gray nagge 13/4. 1 old meare 6/-. another meare 2/-. a folle 13/4. 16 yowes & 8 toppes at 3/4 a peace. howsholde stuf & beddinge 20/-. *Summa totalis* £13 : 14 : 4. And deduct pro funerall expenc 26/8. *Summa patetur.*

Debtes owinge by the sayde John Whalley at his deathe: First to

[1] i.e., 'the dead's part'; the third part of the personal estate the destination of which was not dictated by custom; see No. 16, 'thother thrydd beinge the deade parte'.

Thomas Newton 21/-. to Henrye Willson 5/4. to the Queynes Majestie 46/8. to Robt Holme 9/-. Sum £4 : 2 :–.

Debtes owing to the sayde John Whalley at his deathe: First Anton Metcaff, bailly [No doubt the Queen's bailiff] 2/-. James Ingeram 3/2. *Summa patetur*. Debt et funerall is £5 : 8 : 9, et soe remane *claro vidue et duobus filijs* £8 : 5 : 7.

[11] James Braderige [probably Broderick] of Brockhill Cote

[This is a nuncupative will]
Memorandum that upon the 29th day of Januarie in the yeare of Oure Lord God A thousand fyve hundreth and seventie James Braderige of the parishe of Askrige made rehearse of his last will & testament by word of mouth as foloweth viz. he did geve and bequeath the hole interest right and tytle of his fermeholde unto Elizabeth his wiffe and James Metcalfe his daughters sonne. To Agnes Metcalfe, Elizabeth & Margret Metalfe [*sic*] systers of the said James Metcalfe to every of them £6 : 13 : 4 towardes there mariges and forther required the saide Elizabeth his wiffe and James Metcalfe to be good unto them. And the rest unto Elizabeth his wiffe and to the said James Metcalfe his daughters sonne whome he did make the executores.

[No witnesses' names quoted]

[The will is endorsed: 'Catryg 1571. *Test*[*amentum*] *cum inven*[*torio*] Jacobi Braydrig *par*[*ochiae*] *Askrig probat*[*um*] *coram* Edmundo Parkinson [illegible date] *die Martij 1571 commissa ad*[*ministrati*]*o* Elizabethe *relicte* Matheo Metcalf [an illegible word] Jacobi Metcalf'. This seems to imply that James Metcalfe had died and that Matthew Metcalfe, his next of kin, proved the will with Elizabeth, widow of the deceased]

The inventorye of James Braidrig of Brocoule Cote in Wenslaidaile prased by hus James Metcalf of Yowreskote, Johne Gye alias Jenkyn, Thomas Prate of Brocoole Coate and Abraham Coote of Skelgill the twentye dai of Febrewary as here after followeth 1570 [/71]

tow maires and ther fooles £3 : 6 : 8. Sex other maires £6. a yonge horse 26/-. thre kye and ther calves at 26/8 the peece £4. nyne other kye at 23/4 the peece £10 : 10 :–. twentye stotes and whyes at 20/- the peece £20. fowre score and sex wethers at 4/4 the peece £18 : 12 : 8. tre score and ten yowes and gemmeres at 4/- the peece £14. fyvetye hogges at 2/8 the peece £6 : 13 : 4. eight calfes at 6/8 the peece 53/4.

Howsolde stufe. one caldrone and one baysen 10/-. 3 kettells 20/-. fyve brace pootes 25/-. tow paynes and a frying pane 12d. thirtye peece of puder 20/-. tow sawcers 4d. tow chaffyng dyshes 12d. fowre candelstykes 2/-. 14 booles and a syle 10d. sex chestes 6/-. fowre toobes and barrells 16d. seaven kytes and gallons 4d. twell dyshes 2d. a rekand crooke 4d. a pare of tonges 2d. a brandreth 4d. a girdell for bayken bread 4d. tow axis 8d. twelf happynges and coverletes 40/-. eight paire of shetes 26/8. fyve blanketes 5/-. tow fether bedes with bolsters & pyllowes to them 40/-. tow matteriss 6/8. eight queshinges

2/-. a gayvelocke 12d. a hat 8d. twenty stone of woll £4. *Summa totalis* £101 : 3 : 10.

[James Metcalf signed; the other three appraisers made distinctive marks but their names were not recorded against the marks]

[12] John Metcalfe of Dale Grange

[This will and the next one have not survived except in the Register itself. Although both are indexed as '*test*[*amentum*] *cum inventor*[*io*]' there is no inventory extant in either case]

The 12th day of Aprill 1573 I John Metcalfe of Dalegrange beinge of perfect remembrance. To be buryed within the churche yearde of Askrigge. I maike Christofer Metcalf my sonne my whole executor.

Wit: Simond Metcalf and Stephan Metcalf with others.

[Probate date not quoted]

[13] George Metcalfe [certainly of the chapelry of Askrigg and very probably of Abbotside]

The 18th day of Januarye 1572 [i.e., 1572/3] I George Metcalfe seeke in my bodie. To be buried within the churche earth of Askrigge. I bequeathe unto Robte Skar one hogge. Unto John Skar one hog. Unto Anthony Simson wife one hog. Unto Cicile Metcalf my sister one hogge. The rest of all my goodes unto my wife and my sone Mathewe Metcalf whome I maike hole executors.

Wit: Alexander Ingram, Thomas Myranne, Willm Calbecke, Percevall Atkinson my Curat with other moo.

[Probate 6 May 1573]

[14] John Shaw of Simonstone

27 May 1573. Symond Stone in the parishe of Askrig. Of hole mynd and good remembraunce, lawd & prayse be unto Almyghtye God, never the lesse seke in my bodye. Fyrst I commend my soull in to the handes of Almyghtye God my Maker & Redemer and my bones to be buried in my parishe churche garth at Askrig and to be honestly broght forth at the day of my death at syght of my frendes. Unto James Thwat of the Sydbuske a new calved kowe, a two yeares old qwye with two yowes & two lambes. Unto John Johnson my sister son a two yeares old qwye. Unto Frances Wyn a calffe. Unto Sir Willm Gye[1] a styrke. To Symond Thwat a hog. To Bartholomew Northen a lam. Unto 3 children of Thomas Shawes 3 lambes. Unto everie housholder perteyning unto Hardraw Chappell 2d. The residew unto Ysbell my wyffe and Vincent Shaw my brother son. I will that my sayd wyffe Ysbell Shaw & the sayd Vincent Shawe have my hole farmehold jointly together so long as thay can so agree and when thay cannot agree & dwell to gether then I will that thay devide it equally betwene them and my sayd wyffe to have thone halffe of my sayd farmold with howsing accordynglye to occupye at hir pleasure enduring hir wedew-

[1] William Guy was Curate of Hardraw Chapel (see No. 17).

head and after the wedowhead or desces of my wyffe I geve my hole tenament & farmhold unto the sayd Vincent Shaw my said brother son by the sufferaunce of God & our prince & by the lycence off the lord of the same to have and enjoie for ever. I make my wyffe & Vincent Shawe my hole & full executors.

These be the debtes that I aw: fyrst I aw unto Vincent Shaw 18/-. To Richard Nealson 3/-. Peter Metcalf 3/4. Michell Prat 12d. Jamis Shaw 20d. Isbell Blow 14d. Jamys [corner torn off] son 17d.

Wit: Jamis Shaw, Thomas Shaw, Symond [corner torn off, but perhaps 'Thwat', as in the will], with Willm Guye, clarke[1].

[Probate endorsed but not dated]

[15] Ralph Pratt of Shaw Cote

30 Aug 1576. Radulphe Pratt of the Shawecotte in the parishe of Askerege, Yoman. Fyrste I commende and geve my soule to Almyghtye God my Maker and Redemer. To be buryed within the churche yearde of Askerege. Unto Alyson Prat my doughter one coulte folle and one cowe. Unto Christofer Prat and Henrye Prat my sonnes one gray meare and my tennament at Shawe Coote. All the rest shalbe equallye devyded into towe partes, wheareof one parte shalbe for the performacon of this will and the other parte whollye to my towe doughters Margaret Prat and Alyson Prat, and that that leavythe and remaneth of the sayde parte before appointed for the performacon of this my will, shalbe and remaine to my foresayde towe doughters Margaret Prat and Alyson Prat. I make Margaret Prat and Alyson Prat my joynte executors.

Wit: Michaell Prat, George Prat, Christofer Rawe, Sir Percivall Atkynson with others.

[Probate 1576 (month and day not stated) to 'Alicon Prate'; no mention of power reserved to Margaret Pratt]

The Inventorye of Radulphe Prate of Shawecoote in Wensladaile valued the last daye of October in the eightent yeare of Elizabethe, by thes fowre men viz Michaell Prat, James Metcalf, John Guye and Bartholomewe Kettlewell

Cowe kynne 40/- 13/4 [i.e., 53/4] one meare and one foll 30/-. 12 yowes 40/-. 6 lames 12/-. housholde stoffe 13/4. *Summa totall* £7 : 8 : 8.

[16] Thomas Metcalfe of Fossdale

4 June 1577. Thomas Metcalf of Forsdell in the parisshe of Askrygge, yoman, beinge sycke in boddie. First I gyve my sowle to Almyghtie God my Maker and Redemer. To be buryed in the churche yearde of Askrygge nye wher my childrynge lythe at the dyscressyon of myne executores. Also I yeve unto Anne Metcalf dowghter to my sonne Peter Metcalf[2] one cowe. To Anne Twhaytes dowghter to George Twhaytes my sonn in lawe one cowe. To Avys Bowcher one cowe &

[1] William Guy was Curate of Hardraw Chapel (see No. 17).
[2] Peter Metcalfe's will is No. 18.

twoo ewes and twoo lambes. To Thomas Metcalfe sonne to my brother John Metcalf deceased twoo ewes and twoo lambes. I will that all my howshold stuff shall remayne hoole unto my wyf and to Rycharde my sonne without devydinge unto such tyme as eyther of them marry, and then it to be devidett eqwally emongest them three, that is to say, Mabbell my wyf, Peter and Rycharde my twoo sonnes. And further my will is that all my goodes beinge devydett in three partes, one thrydd to remayne to Mabell my wyf and one other thrydd to be devydett equally betwix my twoo sonnes Peter and Richarde Metcalf and thother thrydd beinge the deade parte[1] my debtes legaces and funerall deducted all that remayneth I yeve unto Mabell my wyf, Peter and Rycharde my twa sonnes whoome I doo make joyntlye my hoole executores. And as for all my fermynge and lease, I have alredy yeven thoone half to Peter Metcalf my sonne, and therof he is quyetlie possessed and so my will is he shall contenewe, and all thother half which remaynythe in my possessyon I beqweath it unto Mabell my wyf and to Richard my sonne to occopye betwene them equally dewringe the wedowheade of my sayd wyf, and after hyr wedowheade that parte hoollye to remeane unto the sayd Richard my sonne, accordinge as thother half doothe with Peter Metcalf his brother, savynge that Peter shall have to mende his howsinge w[illegible, due to blot] half the stable and half the howse that John Skarr dwellythe in. Wit: James [surname illegible, due to blot] [*iurat*] George Cloose [*iurat*] Abraham Nicolson.

[Probate 21 Oct 1577]

An Inventory of Thomas Metcalf layt of Forsdell, yoman, praysed by fower honest & indeferent men, John Mydlham, Myles Fawcett, Mychaell Sadler and James Shawe: the second day of September in the 19th yeare of Elizabeth, 1577

one stoned hors £3. one meare & one foole 33/4. 6 olde meares £8. one fyllye stagge 13/4. one colte stagge 20/-. 3 yongge hors £5. one olde hors 10/-. 22 tuppes riggottes & wedderes £3. 73 ewes & gymmers £10. 36 lambes £3 : 12 :–. 7 kyne & calves £10 : 10 :–. 8 handmylk kyne £9. twoo bulles 40/-. three stottes £3. twelve twynter qwyes £8. 4 twinter stottes £3. 10 calves £3. his apparell 10/-. pewther in the howse 21 pece 10/-. twoo brasse pottes 6/8. 3 greate pannes & 4 lyttle 15/-. 5 ayle pottes 12d. woodden vessell 5/-. one brasynge morter 3 candelstickes one salt & one chafyn dysshe 3/-. one cupboorde one dysshebynke & one counter 5/-. one table formes chayres & stoles 2/-. 3 chistes 2/-. one rakand crooke & one payre of tonges 12d. 2 fether beddes & 2 mattryces 16/8. 3 coverlettes 6 happinges 13/4. 9 blankyttes 9/-. 9 lynnynge shetes & 6 harden 20/-. 3 bolsteres and 3 pyllowes 3/4. three pyllyvers [*sic*, but ? pyllyners] 16d. 2 borde cloothes 2 toweles 4 table napkynges 4/-. 5 quysshones 12d. 4 sylver spoones 6/8. one spytt & one payre of cobyrones 2/6. 1 fryenge pan 1 cresshytt one brolinge iron and one gyrdell 2/-. 2 hatchyttes 8d. cheese in the howse 10/-.

[1] See footnote to No. 10.

Debtes owinge unto the said Thomas at the day of his deathe: of John Clibborne of Lockentwhaytt [*sic*, but ? Yockentwhaytt] 30/-. of the wyf of Roger Metcalf of Askryg 9/-. of the wyf of Nynyand Metcalf of Askryg 20/-. *Summae* £85 : 8 : 10.

Debtes whiche he ought at the day of his deathe:
to Anne Weston of Kendell 18/-. to yonge George Sturdye 10/-.
to Richard Metcalf his sonne 15/-. to Thomas Pratte of the Coote[1] 3/2.
to Abraham Nycolson 3/4. to Peter Thornton wyf for malt 2/6.
to Agnes Wyn for hyr wayges 4/-. layd out for funerall expences £6 : 13 : 4. *Summa* £9 : 9 : 4.

Summa totales debites & funerales deductes £75 : 19 : 6.

[It is surprising that, with so long an inventory at this period, especially bearing in mind that in the original document all the values were expressed in roman numerals, the additions are correct]

[17] John Parkin of Helbeck Lunds

19 Aug 1581. John Parking of Helbecke Londes in the parishe of Askrigg, seke in bodye. Fyrst I commend my soule into the handes of Almyghtye God my Maker & Redemer and to the merites of Jesu Christes passyon. To be buried in my parishe churche garth in Askrigg and all deuties to be done accordyng as the law will require. To Anne Metcalff a blake twinter whie with one shepe a you. Unto thre children of Thomas Knowstubes that is to wet Leonard, John & Willm 13 shepe to be aquallye devidet amongest them and to Robert Knowstub a whye styrke & a shep. To Christabell Dawson my servant one cow. Unto everie child of Rowland Parkinges one shepe. To Annas Knowstub 5/-. To my dowghter Jeffray Metcalffe wyffe a whyt headed whye and to Richarde his son a whie styrke. The residou of all my goodes unbequested with my hole farmehold I geve unto Jennet my wyffe to succour & releiff hir withall who I make my hole & sole executrix enduring hir wedewhead. And whereas it hath pleased God to visite hir with such desease as she is not able to gyde hir selff therfore I will that Roland Parking my brother son and Jamys Dawson my wyffe brotherson shall take hir on hand and have the oversyght and governaunce of hir with goodes & farmehold so long as she is not able to governe hir selff and yf it please God she amend & come to perficte knoweledge & reason before God call upon hir then she to have goodes & farmold at hir pleasure or else I will that the sayd Rowland Parking & James Dawson distribut and devide the goodes that remaines at the day of hir death amongest our nerest frendes at their discretion. After the death of my wyffe my farmold shall remaine and wholly discend unto my thre dowghters children and to my brother son Rouland Parking, that is to evere one of them 20d rent, providet alwaise that yf my dowghters child litle Jene Roger disces before she come to lawfull age or otherwise dye without yssew, then I will that hir portion of my farmold shall remaine & come to my other childens

[1] i.e., Brockhill Cote.

children & the said Roland Parking for ever. I make supervisores John Dawson my brother in law and Jeffray Metcallff my son in lawe, desyring them as my trust is in them to se it truely done and fulfilled.

Wit: Oswold Tatham[1] clarke curate at Loundes [*iurat*] Will Guye clarke curate at Hardraw [*iurat*] Raynold Parking, Willm Parkyng and Roland Dawson with others.

[At foot]
Rowland Parkinge de Helbecke Loundes } yeomen, *in*
Jeffraye Metcalf de Hawes } *sexaginta*
[presumably the amount of the bond]

[Probate 27 Sept 1581 to Rouland Parkynge '*tutori sive curatori Janete Parkynge relict solius executrice nominat*']

The trewe Inventory off John Parkinges of Helbeck Londes praised by fower sworne men, Oswold Tatham,[1] clark, Mathew Whallay, Jeffray Blades and Mylis Tod the 22 day off Awgust in 1581.

3 score shepe £8. 7 kyne £7. 3 whyes 30/-. 2 whies with two styrkes 40/-. two mares with one fole £3 : 13 : 4. one cropp of hay £5. a swyne & a calff 8/-. in gees 10/-. in beddyng rayment & houshold stuff 10/-. In deptes awing unto him: awyng unto him of Jamis Siggiswyke 4/-. of Rowland Parking 5/-. of Willm Parking 4/10. Jamis Parking 2/8. *Soma totales* £29 : 7 : 10. Dettes which he aweth: to Christabell Dawson[2] 23/-. Thomas Potter 2/4. Sir Oswold [i.e., Tatham, Curate of Lunds] 2/-. his wyff 2/1. Jamys Dawson 12d. Jamis Dawson Junior 11d. the wyffe of Christofer Stable 12d. awyng unto the chappell[3] for bookes & other thinges to be done ther 4/10. Some 37/10 [Should be 37/2] in funerall expenses 14/4.

[There are a number of deletions and alterations in this inventory, which was evidently a copy, for at the foot is written '*concordat cum orig.*']

[18] Peter Metcalfe of Fossdale

[Son of Thomas Metcalfe of Fossdale, whose will is No. 16]
[Undated] Peter Metcalfe of Forsedale sicke in bodye. First I bequeath my soule unto Almightye God my onlye Maker and Redemer. To be buryed in my paryshe churche of Askrigge as neare unto my father as convenientlye can be. Unto my brother Rycharde his sonne one twynter whye. Unto Anne Thwayte[4] one lambe. Unto my servant John Elwoodde one lambe. Unto Abraham Shawe one lambe. Unto my servant Alice Mudde one lambe. The rest unto Dorothye my wieff & Anne my dawghter whome I doe make my full and whole executors.

[Signed, very shakily]

Wit: Thomas X Atkynson, John Mydlham [*iurat*] Abraham Shawe

[1] His will is No. 27.
[2] She was his servant; see will.
[3] No doubt Hardraw Chapel or Lunds Chapel.
[4] She was his niece; see No. 16.

[the will is in his hand] John X Elwodde, Rycharde Metcalfe [*iurat*] Adam Mydleham[1].

[Probate 13 Feb 1581/2 to the widow; the daughter, the other executrix, not mentioned]

[19] Alexander Metcalfe of Holmehouse [in Sedbusk]

8 Jan 1581[/2]. The Holmehouse in the parishe of Askerige in Wensladaile, yoman, of good mynde & perfyt remembrance. First and principallye I commende & geve my soule to Almyghtye God my onelye Maker & Redemer. To be buryed in the churche yearde of Askerige. I geve towe partes of my farmoulde unto Christofer Metcalf my sonne yt being devyded into three parts, and I geve unto Agnes my wyffe the other thirde parte dureing hir wyddowe head accordinge to the custome heare usuall. And yf yt happen my sayde wyffe to dye or departe this lyffe before that she marrye, my yeares in the sayde farmolde being unexpyred, then I will that the sayde thirde parte shall remayne to the use of my sayde sonne Christofer Metcalf. The rest of al my goods unto Agnes my wyffe, whom I do make sole executrixe.

Wit: Mathewe Metcalf [*iurat*] de Burghe Hill, Willm Metcalf de Craven Holme, Rowlande Inman [*iurat*] & Willm Calbeck with others.

[There is no record of the probate date]

[20] Jane Parkin of Helbeck Lunds

[Widow of John Parkin, whose will is No. 17]

An Inventarie of Jainne Parkyn late of Helbeckelouns, praysed the 24th day of Aprill 1585 by theis fowre honest men vidz Oswolde Taytom[2], James Thewte, Henry Shawe & Cuthbarte Shawe.

4 kyne £4 : 18 : –. the howseholde stuffe 6/8. *Summa bonorum* £5 : 4 : 8.

[The inventory is endorsed with an (undated) note of grant of admon to 'Rowland Parkyn of Helbecklounes'. There is a caveat entered in the Act Book against grant of admon to anyone but Rowland Parkyn '*nuper Tutor sive Curator dictae defunctae, qui in eisdem bonis interesse habet ut asserit*', but the grant to him is not, in fact, recorded in the Act Book.

He was the son of the widow's husband's brother; see No. 17. His own will is No. 29]

[21] Robert Calvert of Helm

The twentie day of February the 27th yeare of Elizabethe 1584[/5] I Roberte Calverde of the Helme in Wenslaydayll in the parisshe of Askrigg, laborer, sicke in boddie. First I bequeath my sowle unto

[1] 'Adam Myddelham, of the aige of 47 years', was the incumbent of the 'Chaunterye or Chapell of All Halowes in Thoralbye in the Parysh of Askerthe' in 1546 (vide Surtees Soc., Vol. 92: The Certificates of the Commissioners appointed to survey the Chantries, etc., in the County of York). If this were the man, he would be 82 or 83. The signature was written in scholarly fashion, very different from a yeoman's hand.

[2] Curate of Lunds; his will is No. 27.

Almyghtie God my Maker & Redemer. To be buryed within the parisshe churche yearde of Askrigg at the discressyon of my frendes. Unto Ellynor my wyf one half of all my goods, and she to make the cost of my fourthe bringinge therof, & thother half therof to my twoo childringe. I doo make my sayd wyf & childringe my executors.

Wit: Thomas Metcalf [*iurat*] Mathew Metcalf [*iurat*] & Lucas Twhaytt[1]
Debtes which I have owinge at this present day. First of Edmonde Blythe[2] of the Helme £3 : 13 : 4. Item of Stephen Blaydes of the Lawe Coote £3 : 13 : 4. Item of Ralf Metcalf of the Graunge thirtie shillinges.

Debtes which I owe at this presente. First to George Wray of Askarthe £3. 16d. Item to Christofer Metcalf 4d.

[Probate 21 Jan 1585/6 to 'Hellena Calverde'; power reserved to the children]

[Endorsed: 'Thomas Met [*sic*] de Bowbryg, Mathew Met de Helme.' These were the witnesses who took the oath]

[A further endorsement, in an 18th century hand, has: '1584 Calvert Roberti *nuper de Helme paroch*[*iae*] *de Wensley defunct*[*i*] *test* [*amentum*].' This is incorrect, for Helm was in Askrigg Chapelry, in the parish of Aysgarth]

[22] Mathew Thwaite of Sedbusk

The fifte daye of Novembre in the 27th yeare of Elizabeth, I Mathewe Twhaite of Sedbuske, yoman, sicke of body. First I bequeathe my soule to Almyghtye God my Maker & Redemer. To be buryed in the churche yearde of St. Oswolde in Askrigg. Unto my wyfe Elizabeth Twhaite two kyne & one mare and all the residewe of my goodes I give to be equally devyded amongste my children and I make my wyfe my executrix.

Wit: Christofer Dinsdaile of the Gaile, George Wynde of Sedbuske, Thomas Wynde of the same and James Twhaite of Litherskewe with others.

[Probate 19 April 1586]

The Invitory of Mathew Twhait of Sedbusk lately deceased to the mercy of God praysed by us Christofer Dinsdayll of Gayll, George Wind of Sedbusk, Thomas Wind of same & James Twhait of Lytherskew.

6 kyne price £8. two whyes price 26/8. two styrkes price 20/-. two calves price 13/4. two mares price 56/8. one olde mare price 3/4. 20 yewes shep price £3. 28 younge shepe price 55/-. housholde stufe 13/4. Sum £20 : 8 : 4.

[23] James Parkin of Helbeck Lunds

24 Sept 1586. James Perking of Helbeck Loundes within the parisheing of Askrigg, seck in bodye. I commytt my soule into the handes of

[1] Luke Thwaytes's will is No. 26. [2] Edmund Blyth's will is No. 24.

Almyghtye God my Maker and Redemer. To be sepulted in the parish churchyard of Askrige with all dewties off ryght therto belonging. I gyve the whole right & title off mye tenementt after the death or marriage of Elizabeth my wyfe unto my sonne Henrye; and I will thatt my said wyfe have the usage and government of my whole tenementt during hir wedoehead. And she furtune to marrie, then I will that she shall occupie the said tenement for 6 yeares next ensewing the day of hir said marriage, she leaving my said tenementt free from all arreriges & in sufficent reparation as yt is att present for my said sonne Henrye to enter unto. I gyve my fower children, viz. Henry, Jane, Anne & Elizabeth, everye one of them 13/4, which some is in the handes of John Fothergill & dew to be payed unto me at the feast of St. Martine the Byshop in Winter which shalbe in the yeare 1587. The rest I gyve unto Elizabeth my wife and my 4 children, viz. Henrye, Jane, Anne & Elizabeth, whom I make my wholl executors, and I ordaine my brother Wm Parkine, John Fothergill, Robet [*sic*] Winde & Rowland Parkine supervisors. Wit: Sir Oswold Tatam, John Winde, Georg Wind, Rychard Dawson and Rowland Parkine [*Jurat*] with others.

[Probate 19 June 1587 to Elizabeth Parkin, the widow; power reserved to the children]

The Inventory of James Parkine, prased the 11th day of November [year illegible, but must be 1586] by Oswald Tatam, Reinold Parkine, Henry Shawe & Cuthbert Shawe.

4 kye 22/- the peic. two stirkes 6/8 the peic. 3 calves 4/- the peic. 5 shepe 10/-. the croppe 40/-. houshold stuffe 13/4. Debtes awinge unto the testator: first in the handes of John Fuddergill £8 : 9 : 9. *Summa totalis* £17 : 6 : 5.

Debitory out of the said goodes: to the wif of Wm Atkinson 13/4. to Wm Gwye 7/4. to Willm Wilson 6/-. to Robert Bowland 12/-. to Robert Handley 4/-. to Sir Oswold Tatam 2/-. to Roland Howgill 6d. to John Fothergill 6/8. to Adam Herker 3/4.

Summa debitorum 55/- [Should be 55/2]

Summa clara £14 : 11 : 5 [Should be £14 : 11 : 3]

[24] Edmund Blyth of Helm

The 15 day of January A thousand 588 [i.e., 1588/9] I Edmund Bleeth of Helm, syecke in me bodye but holl & perfyct of remembrance. Fyrst I bequyeth me soule unto Almyghty God me Maker and me Redymer, trustyng fyrmly to be saved be the merites & daith of Our Lord & Saveor Jesu Chryst. Also I bequyeth me body to be buryed with in churche yaird in Askryg. Unto me two doughteres Jene & Margret ether of them one cowe and two partes of two strykes [*sic*] and one stryk to Margret only besyedes. Unto Thomes Blyeth me sonne one calf & unto Izabell his wyef one cowe and all the rest of me goodes mowablye & un moablye I geve unto Jeffra Bleth me sonne whom I maike me holl executor of thes me last wyll & testament. Wytnes of this me wyll & testamet [*sic*] Dyonys Stockdall, Thomes Blyeth.

[Probate 11 June 1589. On the same day admon of the goods of Jane Blithe was granted to Thomas & Geoffrey Blith, her brothers. She must therefore have died after her father's will was made but before it was proved]

The Invetorye of Edmund Blyeth of Helm, prased be fower men, Mathew Metcalf, Christefor Metcalf, Luck Thwait,[1] and Edmund Metcalf.

thry kye & two calfes pryce £5. thry styrkes pryce 33/4. one quye pryce 17/-. a toppt [*sic*] pryce 3/4. houshold stuf pryce 10/-. *Som tota* £8 : 3 : 8.

Dettes that he ought to dyveres persons: Margaret Whethered 48/-. Georg Wray 8/-. Jene Pyckerin 10d. *Som tot* 56/10.

[25] Reginald Parkin of Helbeck Lunds

[Since I extracted the date of this will, many years ago, the document has been repaired (it was in very friable condition) and the repaired will is defective at the top, so that the date is no longer visible]

15 Jan 1590[/91]. Rainold Parkyn. I submitte my soule to Almightye God my Creator. To be buried in the parishe churche yearde of Askrigge payinge therefore all dewes accustomed. John Parkyn my eldest sonne shall have my whole tenemente accordinge to the custome, that is towe partes after my deathe and Elizabethe my wief to have the thirde parte, with one stacke stead which I bought dewringe her naturall lief. Yt is my mynde that John Parkyn my sonne shall pay unto my three yonger sonnes, James Parkin, William Parkyn and Francis Parkyn the some of sixe poundes thirtyne shillinges fowre pence equally to be devided amongest them within towe yeares next after my discease in full satisfacion of my tenemente. Elizabeth Parkyn my wief shall have my gray mare. I geve to George Wyne one lambe and to Annes Parkyn one lame. I geve to my brother James Parkyne one yowe. To Elizabethe Alderson one yow and a lame. To Francis Parkyn three sheipe and one stirke. The rest to Elizabethe my wief, John Parkyn, James Parkyn, William Parkyn and Francis Parkyn my sonnes and John Alderson whom I make my joynte executors and I doe ordayne these my supervisors, James Parkyn, John Spouner, Rowland Parkyn, Henrye Shawe and William Birkbecke. I geve to James Parkyn my sonne one stirke.

Wit: William Parkyn, Rowland Parkyn, John ['Birkbecke' deleted] Birkedaile, Henrye Shawe and William Birkbecke.

[Probate 14 June 1591 to John Parkyn, son of the deceased; power reserved to the other co-executors]

Inventory of Rainolde Parkyn of the parishe of Askrigge praysed the 19th day of Februarye 1590 [i.e., 1590/91] by these foure honest men, Rowland Parkyn, William Parkyn, William Birkbecke and Henrye Shawe. sixe kyne £8 : 16 : 8. one yonge mare 33/4. 16 yowes £4. 15 yonge wethers and towe tuppes £4 : 5 : –. 19 hogges £3 : 16 : –.

[1] His will is No. 26.

foure stirkes £3 : 6 : 8. three calves 24/-. in hay 46/8. in howsholde stuffe 26/8. *Summa totalis* £30 : 3 : 8.

Debtes oweinge to the testator: by Mr Wharton 17/-. for yarne at the websters 10/-. *Summa debitarum* [*sic*] 27/-.

Summa bonorum et debitorum £31 : 10 : 8.

Debtes oweinge by the disceased: to Robte Wilson 16/8. to Rowland Shawe 14/4. to John Shawe 7/-. to James Dawson 6/8. to Richard Newstope 3/9. Servante wages 8/-. to Robte Handley 14d. to Leonerd Wyne 12d. to the wief of Ranold Coote 2/4. to Richard Wharton 16d. to George Tybowe 14d. to Steaven Langhorne 12d.

Summa debit £3 : 4 : 5.

Summa clara debtes deductis £28 : 6 : 3.

[The addition of the values of the goods is incorrect and should read £30 : 15 : –, not £30 : 3 : 8. Both the debtors and creditors figures are correct, so that the net figure should read £28 : 17 : 7 instead of £28 : 6 : 3]

[26] Luke Thwaytes of Skellgill

The yeare of Our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth nyentie and one, I Luke Thwaytes of Skelgill in the paroch of Askrig, sicke in bodie. To be buryed in the church yarde of Askrigg. To Agnes my oldest daughter syxtene poundes. Unto James Wetherelt one lambe. Unto Symon Wetherelt, Christofer Wetherelt and Agnes Wetherelt, everye one of them a lambe to be delivered at mydsomer next. I will that yf my wiff marrie againe, that then she shall have nothing to do with my sonn, nor any thing that is his. All the residue of my goodes hollie unto Alice Thwaytes, Sythe Thwaytes and Jane Thwaytes my daughters, whom I make my whole executores.

Wit: Rauphe Metcalf, Thomas Metcalf, James Metcalf, Mathewe Metcalf and Cuthbert Ingram.

Memorandum that his mynd and will forther was, that George Thwaites his sonn shall have in consideration of his porcon and chyldes part of goodes a peece or parcell of ground lying at Yoreskott Yate called Grimy Fold; and that yf he were not content therwithall in consideracon and full satisfaction of his said porcon when he shall come to lawfull yeares of age, that then Thomas Metcalf, Mathewe Metcalf, Mathewe Thwaytes and Abraham Pratt[1] should have all his interest and tenant ryght of the said parcell of ground and shall sell the same, and with the money therof shall paye the porcon or childes parte of goodes to the said George Thwayte, so farr as yt will amount and extend, and willed that it should thus be set downe at the probacon of his will yf the lawe would so permitt. And the said testator did further assigne and comitt George Thwaytes his said sonn and said close or peece of ground afore mentioned and others his rightes to the tuiton and governement of Janet Thwaytes his wiffe during hir wydowhoode, and after hir wydowehead he did assigne and comitt

[1] Abraham Pratt's will is No. 33.

George Thwaytes his said sonn and his rightes and premisses unto the tuicon and governement of Thomas Metcalf, Mathewe Metcalf, Mathewe Thwaytes and Abraham Pratt. And the said testator did also assigne and comitt Alice Thwaytes his daughter, and hir porcon and rightes to Mathewe Thwaytes aforesaid, and his daughter Sythe and hir hole porcon and rightes to the tuition of Thomas Metcalf aforesaid, and his daughter Jane Thwaytes and all hir hole porcon and rightes to Mathewe Metcalf aforesaid, and his daughter Elizabeth and hir hole porcon and chyldes parte of gooddes, and other hir rightes to the tuicon and governement of Abraham Pratt. Wit: Rauphe Metcalf, Thomas Metcalf, James Metcalf, Mathewe Metcalf and Cuthbert Ingrame.

[Probate 27 Oct 1591 to Matthew Thwaite as tutor of Alice Thwaytes, Thomas Metcalf as tutor of Sithe Thwaites, and Matthew Metcalf as tutor of Jane Thwaites, daughters of the deceased and co-executors, for the use of the said daughters.]

[The membrane containing the inventory is 18 in. long by 4½ in. wide at the wider end, gradually narrowing to 4 in. wide. Near the narrow end is a hole, 1 in. by five-eighths of an inch at the widest, made after the writing of the inventory, and causing some gaps in the contents]

The Inventorie of Luke Thwaytes late of Skeldgill deceased praised by James Pratt, Gawyn Bywell, Edmund Guie and Edmund Pratt the 22th daie of October 1591.

nyne kyne £12. three whyes £4. 4 other whyes, towe stottes & a bull £5 : 16 : 8. four calves 20/-. towe mares 33/4. 56 old sheepe £13. 16d. 34 lambes £5. household stuffe 30/-. 10 stackes of haie £13. *Summa bonorum* £55 : 17 : 4 [Should be £57 : 1 : 4]

Dettes owing to the deceased: by Edmond Cootes £14. by Mathewe Metcalf of Helme £6 : 3 : 2. Rauphe Metcalf of the Grange 40/-. James Metcalf of the same £5 : 7 : 4. by Willm Ingram of Leedes 35/6. by Jennie Bywell of Hardrowe 13/-. by John Cowlton of Worton 2/4. by Christofer Baurghe of Bedall 36/-. by Tho Metcalf of Bowbrigg £10 : 6 : 2. by James Ketlewell of Camshouse £3 : 6 : 7. *Summa debitorum* £45 : 10 : 8. [Should be £45 : 10 : 1] *Summa bonorum quum debitis* £102 : 16 : –. [With the separate totals uncorrected, this should be £101 : 8 : –, or corrected £102 : 11 : 5] Debtes owing by the deceased: to Leonard Hillary £3 : 19 : –. Mr Mud, person, 12d. to Edmond Metcalf of Coot[1] 20/-. to Peter Wetherelt 4d. to Edmond Pratt 7/-. to John Wetherelt 2/-. to the parson of Bedall 3/2 [?]. Mic [the dots now represent the hole in the parchment] . . . Prat Tho Metc . . . Edmond Wyn . . . one 4d. . . . Metcalf for Roger Metcalf 4/4. to Antho Pratt 13d. to Ewan Metcalf 6d. *Summa debites* £5 : 19 : 11. *Summa clar* £97 : – : 7. [In another hand] Memorandum laid out in funerall expenses 40/-.

[There is only one formal Tuition Grant and it is in very poor condition; the whole of the right-hand edge is in shreds. It records the

[1] 'Coot' is no doubt Brockhill Cote, which was usually called Cote.

grant to Matthew Thwayte of the tuition of Alice Thwaytes under the will of Lucas Thwayte formerly of Skelgill. Only the day of the month has survived but since that is the 27th, it may be assumed that the month was October and the year 1591, for that was the date of probate. At the foot of the Grant appears:

Mathewe Metcalf of ['Lidderskewe' deleted] Helme tutor to Jane
Antho Pratt of Skelgill tutor to Eliz
Tho Metcalf de Grang tutor to Sythe

It will be noticed that although the testator appointed Abraham Pratt[1] tutor to Elizabeth, the Court seems to have substituted Anthony Pratt.]

[27] Oswald Tatham of Helbeck Lunds

[Curate of Lunds; see No. 17, which he witnessed]

The thirteenth day of ['April' deleted] Februarye *Anno d[omi]ni mill-[esi]mo quingen[tesi]mo nonagesimo* ['*tertio*' deleted] *secundo* I Oswolde Tatam of Helbecke Loundes within the paroch of Askrigg, whole & perfect of remembrance (God be praysed) althoughe sicke in body. First I commend my soule into thandes of Almightie God my Maker and Redemer, and to the merits of Christes passion, and my body to be buried in my paroch churchyarde of Askrig and all duties to be done accordinge as the lawe will require. I give all my goods & debtes which is owinge unto me unto Rowland Perkin[2], William Perkin, Jenkyn alias John Morland,[3] & Lancelot Shawe to the use of Agnes my wyf, whom I make feffees of trust for hir & hir behove. Thomas Barton[4] gen[tleman] of Great Arnesyde is owing to me 33/4 for a whe. John Tatham my nephue owes me £3 : 13 : 4. I owe to Rouland Shawe 15/-, to Robert Handley 6/8.

Wit: [Paper torn; probably Rowl]and Parkyn, John Birkdayle, Jenkin alias [gap in paper; will read John Mor]land

[Probate 9 July 1593. Since the Rev Oswald Tatham had named no exor, probate was granted to Roland Parkin to the use of Agnes Tatham, the relict]

[28] Bartholomew Thwaytes of Sedbusk

[This inventory had deteriorated into a number of friable fragments. Although it has been repaired, the greater part is missing. A pencil note on the cover, in a modern hand, was presumably copied from a note of admon originally endorsed on the inventory but no such record is now visible. The pencil note reads: 'Bartholynew Thwaytes latt of Sedbuske, P. Askrig. *Ad[ministrati]o commissa 5 May 1595 Margarete Thwaytes p[er] m[agist]r[u]m Ed[mundum] Parkinson.*'

Although nothing remains of the value column and very little of the

[1] Abraham Pratt's will is No. 33.
[2] His will is No. 29.
[3] His will is No. 30.
[4] Thomas Barton was of Helbeck Lunds when he made his will (No. 57).

rest, I include it here so that all Abbotside documents may be on record. Dots represent illegible letters or words]

A true and perfect Inventorie of Bartholynew Thwaytes latt of Sedbuske in the parishe of Askrig prised by thes men: George Wen, Mathew Thwaytes, Tha . . . and George Thwaytes . . . of the month of . . . the yeare of our . . . as follows:

one mare and foyle and a stage
. . . e & a whye
whye
whyes
sterkes
calves
. . . ene yowes & a toope
shere wethers
four
housould stoufe and
thinges in the house
haye

Somme 37

[29] Rowland Parkin of Lunds

[Probably a nephew of John Parkin, whose will is No. 17, q.v.]

A true and perfeicte Invetarye of Raulande Parkinge of Lundes in the parishe of Askrigge, prysed by Henry Shawe, Hughe Shawe, Jenkinge Morlande[1] & James Blande the 14th daye of March *An*[*n*]*o D*[*omi*]*no* [*sic*] 1596[/7]

his aparrell 33/4. Eighte kyne £13 : 6 : 4. Six yonge beastes £4. haye 20/-. Implementes in the house and fleashe £4. *Soma bonorum* £23 : 19 : 8

[At the foot of the inventory is a note to the effect that Elizabeth, the relict, had conceded admon to John Parkyn, her son; the note is undated. The names of three other children are given: Edmond, Elizabeth & Agnes.

There follow the names of two 'yomen', who were presumably the bondsmen: Roger Carter of Bolton super Swaile, and Tho: Atkinson of the same.]

[30] John (alias Jenkyn) Morland of Helbeck Lunds

13 Sept 1597. John alias Jenkyn Morland of Helbecke Londes in the parishe of Askrigg. First I commend my soule in to the handes of Almyghtie God my Maker and my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche yard of Kyrkbie Stephen, paying the dewtyes of right accustomed. My goodes shalbe devided equally in three partes wherof I geve to my wyffe Elizabthe[2] [*sic*] the first third part. To my doughter Margaret the second third parte. To my [? 'son' omitted] Gabriell and to my doughter Margaret the last third parte to be equally devided

[1] His will is No. 30.
[2] Her will is No. 31.

betwene the said Gabriell and Margaret whom I make my whole executors. To Thomas Morland sonn to Cuthbt Morland money to buie a lamb with. It is my will that my doughter Margaret porcon shalbe putt forwardes to hir use during hir minoritie, by Thomas Willmson, Cuthbt Morland and Rouland Shawe, whom I make whole governers of my children and their goodes during their minoritie, and supervisors of my will. It is my will that my wyf have the uppbringing of my children during hir widhoode.

Wit: Thomas Willmson and Cuthbt Morland

[Probate 24 Oct 1597, when admon was committed to Thomas Williamson and Cuthbert Morland. After this, the paper was evidently damp and the writing has disappeared. The only other legible word is '*liber*'. Since the two children were minors, it would seem that the grant was made to two of the three supervisors]

[The inventory is in a very bad state, torn down the middle and with most of the top dozen lines missing altogether. Stray words and figures are legible here and there: 'towe', 'one', 'hay in', '30/-', 'haie 20/-', 'haie and' . . . '£3']

. . . in household . . . £5 : 6 : –. in butter and chese £3 : 12 : –. his apparell 40/-. *Summa bonorum* £50 : 14 : 8 [Should be £55 : 14 : 8 if the total of goods plus debtors is correct]

Dettes owing to the deceased: by Edward Stedman 40/-. Thomas Shawe £3. John Alderson 40/-. Willim Robinson 33/-. Thomas Willimson 31/4. Cuthbt Morland 30/-. Robt Shawe 26/8. Willim Parkyn 5/4. Cuthbt Shawe 9/5. John Whytle 2/4. Richard Benson 5/-. John Bancke 12/-. George Smith 7/-. Janet Morland 23d. Thomas Hutchenson 6/8. Michel Dent 6/8. *Summa debitorum* £17 : 17 : –. *Summa to*[*talis*] *bo*[*no*]*r*[*um*] *quum d*[*ebitis*] £73 : 11 : 8. [The debtors total adds up to £15 : 17 : 4, not to £17 : 17 : –]

Dettes owing by the deceased: Robt Briers 58/2. Huge Shawe 23/10. Thomas Shawe 21/4. John Parkyn 30/-. the said John 4/-. Richard Wilson 4/-. John Whytle 14d. Mathewe Dixon 18d. Thomas Willimson 31/-. John Hesthwythle 15/-. Ewan Waller 10/-. Jeffray Om [*sic*, but ? Oin] 10/-. Willim Spencely 3/6. Simon Atkinson 2/4. Thomas Shawe 10/-. Thomas Benson 2/-. Christabell Fawcet 5/-.

Summa debit £12 : 10d. [Neither total
Summa clar debites deductes £61 : 22d. is correct]

Laid out in funerall expenses 28/4.

[31] Elizabeth Morland of Helbeck Lunds

[Widow of John alias Jenkyn Morland; his will is No. 30]

9 May 1598. Elizabeth Morland of Helbecklands, sick in bodie but whole in mind, and perfect in remembranc [*sic*], laude and praise be unto Almightie God therefor. First I give, and bequeith, my soule to Allmightie God, my Maker and Redemer. To be buried in the perish church earthe of Kirkbestephen, paieng therefor that which is due. I give to Heugh Shaw wyf a cot, and to my servant Kirstabell

Fawcet[1] a cot, and also I giv to Issabell Fothergill a cot, and to my doughter Margerit all the rissedue of myne aperell and the residu of my goodes I giv to my sone Gabrell Morland whom I make executor, and yf the saide Gabrell my sone dy before he come to one and twenty years I will that my brethren Hewgh Shaw and Thomas Shaw shall have all the said goodes which I now giv to my said sone. My aforesaid brethren shall bring up my childeren duering there un aige, if so it be that my husband frindes in Winton be content, and if they be so content then I will that my brethren shall have one of the best of my kyne to the bringing up of my said sone Gabrell and if so be that they cannot agre, then I will that my said brethren shall have the occupation of all the goodes which I give to my said sone Gabrell, to there owne behove during his un aige, also I make supervisers Jenckin Morland, Anthony Morland, Heugh Shaw & Thomas Shaw, and for ther paines I give to eche one of them 2/-.

Wit: Will: Parkin, Rowland Shaw [*Jur*], Heughe Shawe [*Jur*] and Henrie Birkdale.

[The will is endorsed: 'To be ingrossed', but there is no note of probate]

An Inventarie of Elizabeth Morland, late of Helbecklundes, praised the 9th day of May 1598 by fower sworne men Viz: Rowland Shawe, Willm Parkyn, Henrie Shawe and Henrie Birkdaile.

fyve kine one qwye and two stirkes £11 : 13 : 4. one Maire 14/5. in hey 12d. one qwye 17/4. fyer vessell and two chistes and other wood vessell 28/-. yearne 8/4. in cheese and fleshe 10/-. in some other smaule implementes 12d. hir owne apparell £3 : 16 : 8.

Summa totalis bonorum £19 : 9 : 1 [Should be £19 : 10 : 1]

Debtes oweinge to the deceased: Cuthbt Morland and Thomas Willmson 46/8. *Summa debit*[*orum*] 46/8.

Debtes oweinge by the deceased: to Heughe Shawe 13/-. to Rowland Shawe 8d. to Cuthbt Shawe 7/-. to Henrie Birkdall 10/6. to Christabell Fawcet[1] 2/-. to Heughe Shawe 10/-. to Thomas Shawe 5/-. to Heughe Shawe 2/-. *Summa debit*[*orum*] 50/2. *Summa clara debitis deductis* £19 : 5 : 7.

Memorandum laide out in funerall expences 26/-.

[32] Edward Guy of Brockhill Cote

25 Jan 1597[/8]. Edwarde Guye of Brockelcoote in the parishe of Askrige, in perfeite mynde, God be prasaide. Firste I bequeath my soule unto Almightie God my Maker & Redemer trustinge firmlie to be savede by the meareates & death of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christe. To be buriede in the churchyarde of Askrige. I will my tenamentte at Coote with all my housses there, unto James Guye my eldeth sonne, and he to paye forth of the said tenamente £10 to my

[1] Christabel Fawcett, her servant, was a creditor for 5/- in her husband's inventory, as well as for 2/- in hers. It was not uncommon for servants to lend their employers money, apart from wages in arrear.

seconde sonne Alexander Guye. The said James shall paye unto Anne my eldeth daughter, Alles & Elizabeth my other two, every one of them £3 : 6 : 8, and to pay Alexander the firste yeare of his entering & to pay the thrie daughters the yeare next followinge, at the feast of Ste: Marten in Wynter. My tenamente at Grange unto John Guye my yongeth sonne and the said John to paye forth of the said tenament Edmunde & Robarte either of them £10 at such tyme as he entereth to the said tenament, first yeare to Edmunde & the seconde yeare to Robt, and the thride yeare he to paye to my two yongeth daughters, either of them £3 : 6 : 8 & to pay yt the thride yeare of his enterine. To my thrie daughters, Alles, Margrett & Isable, every one of them fortie shillinges; and as for my two other daughters, I am indepted to them because I recaved of there goodes that the had geven them of there freandes either of them £3. And the reast of my goodes I leave to be devidede accordinge to equitie. And I make James [*Jur.*] my sonne executer. I will that yf James my sonne refusse to be my executer, that then he to paye to evere of my fyve daughters 20/- more, forth of the tenamente at Coote.

Wit: Anthony Pratte [*Jur.*] & Alexander Ingram.

[Probate 25 Sept 1599]

A true & perfeicte Invetorye of Edwarde Guye of Brockelcoote in the parishe of Askrige at the daye of his death, prayssed the 22nd daye of September 1599 by Jenkine Ingram, Anthony Pratte, Alexander Ingram & John Prate.

11 kyne £22. 3 strickes [*sic*] 50/-. 9 calfes £4. one mare £3. 22 sheape £6 : 13 : 4. 7 lambes 26/8. one hoge 15/-. his apparrell 13/4. implementes in the house £3 : 13 : 4. Som: £44 : 11 : 8. deptes owinge by the deceased: To Edmonde Mectalfe [*sic*] of Woodhall [piece missing, but the debt must have been £8 : 13 : – if the total is correct] George Masone 20/-. 2 of my daughters £6. Som: £15 : 13 : –. *Soma declara, debita deducta* £28 : 18 : 8.

[There is a second copy of the inventory, but it is in fragmentary condition and only a few words remain legible]

[33] Abraham Pratt of Skellgill

[This will is endorsed in a modern hand 'c.1600'. The whole of the foot of the document is in tatters and most of the last few lines (including, presumably, a note of the probate) is missing altogether] Abraham Pratt of Skelgill, yeoman, being sick in body. First I bequeathe my soule into the hands of Almightie God my Maker who gave itt, hooping through the deathe of my Saviour Jesus Christ to be saved, and by his blood shedding to have my sins washed away. To be buried within the parishe churche of Askrigg. Unto my eldest daughter Isabell Pratt the somm of sextein pounds. My second daughter Elsabeth Pratt the somm of therten pounds. My third daughter Sissillie Pratt the somm of eleaven pounds, all to be paid att Martinmas next & to go forward to there use. Unto my sonn Jeffray Pratt my tenement at Sedbusk when 21 yeares and to give to

his brother Michaell Pratt forthe of the said tenement the som of twentie pounds when the said Michaell shall com to law full adge. Unto my said son Michaell Pratt my tenement att Skelgill when he shall come to 21 yeares & if my supervisors think that my wife Margarett whom I leave my executor be sore charged in the bringing upp of my children, then she to enioy both the said tenements untill they com to the adge of 22 yeares. If my wife Margarett prove with chyld, I will & bequeathe, if itt be a sonn, that he shall have two yeares cropp out of my tenement at Sedbusk and if itt be a daughter, one years cropp, to goe forward for ether of them att Martinmas next, if so they live. Unto my father in law Michaell Wetheralt my best cloak, my brother Jeffray my best dublett, James Wetheralt my best bretches, Georg Metcalf my green jerkin, my brother James Pratt all my whoole weareing suites, my sisters Margaret & Jean one stoone of woole. I will & bequeathe that if my brother James louse the Great Shoe[1] agayn, that my wife give him fortie shillings of his £10 back again. I give to John Pratt, glazier, my bootes & to his brother James my new shooes and to William Branthwait 3/4. I ordayn that my wife Margarett [*iur*] shall be my whoole executor and to have the grounds att Sedbusk & Skelgill for the keeping & bringing upp of my young children so long as she remayns my wife & not otherwise butt att the sight & disposition of my supervisors and she to have the rest [the following dots represent the gaps in the tattered lower part of the will which still survives] . . . etheralt & . . . brother . . . es of this my . . . february . . .

[With the will is an original inventory, endorsed in the same modern hand as in the endorsement of the will: 'c.1600'. It is torn down the whole of the right hand margin, so that there is no value column. It may well not be the inventory of Abraham Pratt, because of the word 'yonger', but it is certainly that of a—probably contemporary—Pratt of Skellgill]

An Inventorie of the goods and cattells [the dots represent the missing margin] . . . Pratt yonger of Skelgill deceased pry . . . James Pratt and John [interlined; 'Jeffray' deleted] Pratt of Skel . . . James Clerkson and James Weth . . . as followeth the 13 day of Ma . . . his purse and his apperill . . . in bedding houshould stuff and all other implementes in the house . . . two meares one stagg & a foale . . . seaven kyne . . . three younge whyes . . . 30 ewes & lambes . . . five geld ewes & a toope . . . 39 hoggs . . . two yong calves . . . one yong cow . . .

James Pratt, John Pratt, James X Clerkson, James X Wetheralt

[34] Thomas Thwaite(s) of Sedbusk

The eleventh day of November 1600 & in the tow & forty yeare of the reigne of Elizabeth, I Thomas Twhate of Sidebuske, yoman, sicke

[1] The spelling is certainly 'Shoe', but this must surely be the Great Shaw, which was the name of a close of land at Holehouse, a hamlet which has now disappeared from the map, but the site of which is known.

of body. First I bequeathe my soule to Almighty God my Maker & Redemer. To be buried within the church yarde of Askridge. I gyve to my lovinge wife Margarett Twhaytes the third of all my goods & also my graye meare. To my loving children Mathew Twhaites, Christofer Twaites, Elizabeth Twaytes & Dorothye Thwaytes the resydewe of all my goodes what soever to be equally devided emongest them. I doe make my loving wife Margret whole executrix.

Wit: George Twhaytes, Georg Todd, Mathew Scarre [*Jurat*], John Skarre.

[Probate 2 June 1601]

The Inventorie indented of Thomas Twhaytes late of Sydebusk, yoman, vewed & praysed by Thomas Wynne of Sidebusk, Reginald Illary of Preston,[1] Francis Wynne & George Todd of Sidebusk.

Imprimis all the goodes within the howse £3 : 6 : 8. 8 kynne £9. two heffers 26/8. 5 stirkes £3. 5 calves 20/-. three meares £4. 26 ewes £4 : 15 : 4. 14 yonger sheepe 32/8. the haye £5 : 3 : –. *Summa* total £33 : 4 : 4.

Debts owing to the testator: owinge by Richard Metcalf of Hardrawe 4/-. Debts owing by the testator: owinge by him to severall persons severall summes of monye amountinge to the some of £6 : 15 : 2. *Summa* £6 : 15 : 2.

Summa total of all the saide goodes, the debtes deducted £26 : 9 : 2. [This net sum does not include the debtor's figure of 4/-]

[35] Michael Pratt of Shaw Cote

The 19° daye of November, one thowsand fyve hundrethe nyntye nyne, I Michaell Pratt of Shawcote of the parish of Askrige, sicke in bodie. To be buried within the churche of Askrige. I give to my wife the hole third of all my goodes, also I give to my daughter Dorithie Pratt twentie poundes to be put forward to her use, and she to have yt at hir mariage, and hir childes portion besides, yf she marye with the consent of hir mother, hir unckle James Pratt and hir unkell Mychaell Metcalf; but yf she mary without ther consent, then to be used at the discrecion of hir mother and hir afforesaid frendes. Also my will is that my daughter Elizabeth shall have hir child portion of my goodes. Further yt is my will and testament that my wife shall have three closes called the Shawes, and one parcell of ground called the East Beech Parke, and one parcell of ground called East Engelbye Lyes, and half West Beech Parke, with thone halfe of the parockes therunto adioyning. And also my will is that my wife shall keepe my mother during hir naturall liefe with meat, drinke and clothes. And also that my wife shall bringe upe my sonn Christofer Pratt with learning and thinges neidfull. Also my will is that my sonn Michaell Pratt shall have the rest of my tenement dureing the naturall life of his mother, paying all rentes and dewties due for the same. Also yt is my will that my sonn Mathew Pratt & Michaell Pratt shall performe and keep that bargane which was maid betwixt them at my sonn

[1] i.e., Preston-under-Scar, par. Wensley.

Mathew his last being in Wensladall; and that Michaell do provid him his payment at the tymes appointed; and that Mathew Pratt my sonn shall make Michaell such assurance as my sonn Michaell by his learned counsell shall devise. Also yt is my will that if my sonn Mathew will not be content to stand to the bargane with is brother Michaell that he did make, that then my sonn Michaell shall have three parcells of ground called Engelby Lyes more then the share of his tenement. Further yt is my will that my sonn Christofer Pratt shall either have his share of my tenement or otherwise to be considered at the discrecion of his mother, his unckell Michaell Metcalf of Symondstone, his brother Mathew Pratt and the rest of his nearest frendes when he doth come to th'age of one and twentye yeres. And yt is my will that my sonne Michaell Pratt shall have the use of all the portion and legacye which his sister Doritye shall have, and pay hir two shillinges yerely at the pound untill such tyme as she marie. Also I give to my wife all the houshould stuffe which is in my house, to use and disposse upon at hir owne discrecion. Executors I make Ann Pratt my wife, Mathew Prat, Michaell Prat & Christofer Prat my sonnes, and I do appoint James Pratt and Michaell Metcalf supervisors, desireing them to see yt performed in every respect.

Wit: James Pratt [*Jurat*] and Mychaell Metcalf [*Jurat*]

[Probate 20 July 1601 to Mychael Pratt, son of the deceased and one of the executors; power reserved to his co-executors]

A trew Inventorie of Michaell Pratt of Shawcote in the parish of Askrige, yoman, deceased, praised the last daye of Februarj 1599 by James Pratt, Michaell Metcalf, Gawyne Bywell & Edmond Metcalf, viz. as foloweth: Imprimis 18 kyne & whyes £40 : 10 : –. Item 12 stirkes pric £16. 13 calves price £9 : 5 : –. 51 yowes price £20 : 8 : –. 37 wethers £14 : 16 : –. 21 hoges price £7 : 7 : –. six meares price £19. 2 stages pric £3. 2 folles price £8. one horse pric £20[1]. in houshould stufe £13 : 13 : 4. *Summa bonorum* £171 : 19 : 4.

Deptes aweinge to the testator: Imprimis Mathew Metcalf of Helme £3. Item John Stockdall of Worton 3/4. *Summa debitorum* £3 : 3 : 4.

Summa bonorum et debitorum £175 : 2 : 8.

Deptes which the said testator did owe: Imprimis to John Prat of Northfooke £15.12d. Item to John Sigeswicke £5.20d.

To the same John Sigeswicke £4 : 8 : ?
To John Jaike of Thornton £4 : 3 : ?
To the buylding of the scholehouse[2] £10
To Anthony Pratt
To Raufe Garthe
Summa debitorum
Restat declaro debitis deductis[3]

[Right hand edge frayed; pence column missing]

[The whole of the right hand margin, containing the figures, is missing]

[1] £20 is by far the highest value I have seen placed on a horse in any inventory of the period. 20/- would not have been surprising, but the pound mark [1 ¹] is quite clear, and the total is correct.

[2] Yorebridge Grammar School; see Introductory Notes.

[3] The second and third words in this line have disappeared in the course of repair of the document, but I recorded them over ten years ago, when they were still extant.

[36] Richard Metcalfe of Hardraw

[All that has survived here is a copy of the grant of admon; no bond or inventory is extant]

21 Dec 1601. Anthonius Johnson *Cl[er]icus, substitutus* Edmondo [*sic*] Parkinson, *Commissarij*, Margarate [*sic*] Metcalf *relicte* Richardi Metcalf *nuper de* Hardrowe *defuncti, administraco[n]em bonorum tibi confidimus.*

[The Grant is endorsed: 'Metcalfe Rich[ard]i, *nuper de* Hardraw, *def[uncti] Inv[entorium] debitor[um] bonor[umque] Administracio* 1601.' As mentioned above, there is in fact no inventory with the papers.]

[37] Elizabeth Metcalfe of Simonstone

The last day of December 1601 and in the 44 yeare of Elizabeth, I Elizabethe Metcalf of Symondstonn within the parishe of Askrigge, spinster, sicke in body. To be buried in the church yeard in Askrigge. Also I doe give unto Margaret Bowes, Agnes Bowes and Jennet Bowes £12 equallie to be devyded amongest them, which there father Bryan Bowes doth owe me. I do give unto the wief of John Pattye £3 which James Dent doth owe me, to be paid at the feast of St Martyn the Bysshoppe in Wynter come a twelve moneth. I doe give unto [here there is a hole in the paper; probably Micha]ell Metcalf 20/- to be paid by James Dent at the said feast of St Martyn. I doe give unto Dorathie Metcalf my brothers doughter £3, that is to say 20/- which is the handes of James Dent to be paid at the daie afforesaid, and other 20/- which Mychaell Metcalf oweth me, to be paid at the feast of St Martyn the Bysshope in Wynter next after the daite hereof, and 26/8 which Thomas Sadler doth owe me, to be paid [similarly] [The total of the three comes to £3 : 6 : 8, not to £3] I doe give unto Agnes Allan and Issabell Hodgshon 6/8 equalie to be devyded betwene them which Phillippe Allan doth owe me, to be paid [similarly]. I doe give unto Margaret Battersbye and Alice Thwaytes doughter unto Barbarie Thwaytes 6/8 which John Battersbye doth owe unto me, to be paid [similarly] equallie to be devyded betwene them. I doe give unto Margaret Bowes 20/- which James Dent doth owe me and 6/8 which Barbarie Thwaites dothe owe me, which 6/8 is due at Martynmas next after the daite hereof. I doe make Margaret Bowes my sole executrix.

Wit: Mychaell Metcalf, James Dent, Christopher Moore, Willm Thwaytes and Parcyvell Thwaytes.

[Probate 22 March 1601/2 to Alice Bowes, wife of Bryan Bowes, & Sytha Bayley, wife of Rowland Bayley, sisters of the deceased, the executrix having renounced]

Decembris 1601. [The will was made on 31 Dec and the testatrix must have died on that day] An Inventorie of Elizabeth Metcalf laite of Symondstonn disceased: oweing hir by Brian ['Metcalf' deleted] Bowes £12, by James Dent £3, by the said James Dent 20/-, more by the said James Dent 20/-, by Mychaell Metcalf 20/-, by Thomas Sadler 26/8, by Phillippe Allan 6/8, by John Battersbye 6/8, more by the said James Dent 20/-, by Barbarie Thwaytes 6/8. *Summa tot debit* £21 : 6 : 8.

[The appraisers' names are not quoted, and it seems likely that the names of the debtors and the amounts due were extracted from the will; in the inventory they are in the same order. These debts were no doubt the testatrix's sole assets, for she does not mention any residual estate]

[38] Henry Nelson of Camshouse

16 Oct 1603. I Henry Nealson of Cammes House in Wensadalle, seke in bodie. My bodie shalbe buried in the churche or churcheyeard of Askerige as my frendes shall thinke moste conveniente. I geve unto Richard Nealson my eldest brother all my fermehould and intereste that I have in Garstell[1] with all the houses thereto beloninge [*sic*]. Unto Jane Nealson,[2] wedo, hir children 4 lammes. Unto hir mayde servant in hir house 2 ewes. Unto my sister Alyce £3 : 6 : – and 10 shepe & a halfe. All the reste of my goodes unto my brother Rychard whome I do make my full & hole executor.

Wit: James Pratte, Rychard Ketlewell ['his wyfe' interlined] withe other moe.

[Probate 8 Nov 1603]

An Inventarie of Henrie Nealson at the tyme of his death: 16 sheipe £4 : 16 : –. in money £3 : 6 : –. *Summa bonorum* £8 : 6 : – [Should be £8 : 2 : –]

Debtes owenge by the said Henry Nealson: to his brother John £18 : 10 : –. to his syster Alice £10. to James Nealson £10. to the maide servant of Wydowe Nealson 26/8. [The total of the creditors, which is not quoted, is £39 : 16 : 8. The names of the appraisers are not given]

[39] Helen Alderson of Sedbusk

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that about the 25th day of Januarie 1603[/4] Hellen Alderson, spinster, laite of Sydebuske, disceased, did declare & make hir last will and testament by worde of mouth as followeth. First she did will & require Thomas Dent of Symondston to see hir honestly brought fourth of hir owne goodes and that which should remayne after hir bringinge fourth she did give and bequeathe unto the said Thomas Dent and Margaret Dent his doughter in the presence ('hearinge' interlined] of James Dent [*Jurat*], Mychaell Dent and Henrie Dent.

[Probate 13 Feb 1603/4 to Thomas Dent of Symondstone, a legatee]

An Inventorie of Hellen Alderson's laite of Sydebuske, praised the 12th day of Februarij 1603 by Mathewe Thwayte, James Wynne, Henrie Wynne and James Dent.

Certayne howshold stuffe, hir apparell and a certen lode of peates 4/4. two yeardes and a half of cottone clothe in the handes of Mabill Thwaites and Issabell Thwaytes 2/6.

[1] i.e., Garsdale.
[2] Her will is No. 49.

Debtes oweinge to the disceased: Imprimis by George Wynne laite of Cotterdaile, disceased, as the testator a little before hir death did confesse in the presence of divers wytnesses £3 : 6 : 8. *Summa tot* £3 : 13 : 6.

[40] George Wynne of Cotterdale

A trewe and perfect Inventorye of George Wine of Cotterdale in the parishe of Askrig, preysed by thies foure men, John Metcalf, Petter Sker, Thomas Moure and Francis Wine, the tenth daye of Februarie 1603[/4]

Imprimis 8 kine £12. Item 6 calves 40/-. 3 whies £3. one bull 26/8. one ould horse 13/4. 28 hoges £6. 17 youes £4. houshould stufe and apparell 40/-. haie 10/-. *Summa* £31 : 10 : –.

Deptes awing to the deceased: *Imprimis* by [blank]

Deptes owing by the deceased: *Imprimis* to the wyfe of John Ros £5 : 10 : –. to Jyfere Thwytes & Mabell Thytes £3. to Brian Murton 45/-. to Chrestafor Mauer £3. to the wyfe of John Beck £6 : 12 : –. to Robert Wadson £7 : 10 : –.

Somme £27 : 17 : –.

Somme deptes descharged £3 : 13 : –. [This figure may include the sum of £3 : 6 : 8 which was listed in Helen Alderson's inventory (No. 39) as owing by George Wynne]

[Admon 20 June 1604 to Margaret Wynne, widow & relict]

[41] Peter Metcalfe of Hardraw

The tenth day of Julye, 2 James [1604] I Peter Metcalf of Hardrowe, sick in bodye. To be buried in the church earth of Askrigg. My two sonnes Leonard and Mathewe shall have my whole tenement in Hardrowe when they shall come to lawfull yeares. To Cicill my wife two of my best kine, one whye stirke, eight of my youngest ewes and all my household stuff, and also one parcell of ground called the Hills for six yeares, after certeyne yeares be expired which I have letten to Christofer Atkinson. To my cosen John Metcalf of Hardrowe my blewe jerkin and my white dublett. My father in lawe Mathewe Twhaites shall have my browne breches. My brother Nicholas Twhaites shall have my blewe breches. My wif shall have all my whole tenement if she kepe her unmarried, and if she marrye, and not bring upp my children with meat, drinke, apparell and learning as they ought to be, then my father in lawe Mathewe Thwhates, John Pratt of Shawe Cote, John Metcalf of Hardrawe and Peter Metcalf of Bowbrigg shall take my children with my tenement to bring them upp as aforesaid and that which spares of bringing them upp to be sett forward to there most advantage. The rest of my goodes shall pay my debtes with £15 which I promised to pay unto my brother Henrye Metcalf of Yorke, apprentized unto John Harison of Yorke, baker, at the end and terme of his yeares. And if my goodes will not extend, then my will is that my tenement shall pay out the rest at the discrecion of my aforesaid foure honest frendes. My

said two sonnes my executors. My said frendes supervisors thereof. John Smith of Kendall & John Chapman shall have two closes lying in Hardrawe Inges, the one called Bitchbaurghe and the other Prye [paper torn] to have the Prye [paper torn] ending the 15th of Aprill 1608 and Bitchbaurghe for the terme of thre yeares ending the said 15th of Aprill without paying anye rent or doing anye other dueties for the same during the termes aforesaid and the said Mathewe Thwaite and John Metcalf to be bound for the quiet occupying of the same during the aforesaid terme.

Wit: John Metcalfe, John Battersbye, Christopher Whayleye with others.

[Probate 22 Oct 1604 to Matthew Thwaite, maternal grandfather and tutor of Leonard Metcalf & Matthew Metcalf, sons of the deceased, power being reserved to them]

A true Inventorye of Peter Metcalf, late of Hardrowe, praysed by Richard Metcalf, John Pratt, Christopher & John Metcalf the 19th day of October 1604.

39 ewes and one tupe £8 : 6 : 8. thirtene lambes with their wooll 43/4. six kine and one calf £8. six calves 33/4. one stirk 13/4. househould stuff 20/-. henns and geesse 6/-. his apparell 6/8. *Summa bonorum* £22 : 9 : 8 [Should be £22 : 9 : 4]

[42] Rowland Shaw of Helbeck Lunds

[The document is in very friable condition and much faded; the note of probate at the foot is illegible in several places]

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that upon the eight day of October 1604 Rowland Shawe of Helbecke Lunes of the parishe of Askrigg being sicke in bodye but of perfecte memorie did declare his mynd concernynge his last will and testament by word of mouth as followeth. First his will was and he did give and bequeath unto his sonne Henrie Shawe his whole tenement at Helbecke Lunes and he should pay unto his brother in the cuntrie ten powndes yf he were alive and came to demaunde yt and that his sonne Henrie should geve unto everie one of his three yongest children £3 : 6 : 8 when they came to lawfull yeares of age, and that his yongest children should be brought upe upon the tenement untill they were syxtyne yeares of age, and all his goodes should be equally devyded amongest all his children, and he did appointe Lyonell Shaw, Ingram Shawe, Thomas Dent and John Shawe supervisors of this his testament or last will.

Wit: Thomas Dent and Ingram Shawe.

[Probate 15 April 1605 to Ingrame Shawe & Richard Knewstubbe [? tutors; the word is illegible] of Henry Shawe, Vincent Shawe, Mychael Shawe, [christian name illegible] Shawe & Magdalen Shawe, children of the deceased.]

[No inventory extant]

[43] Matthew Thwaytes of Sedbusk

The 28th daye of Auguste and in the third yeare of the reigne of Kinge James, 1605, I Matthewe Thawytes of Sedbuske within the parishe of Askrigge, sicke in bodye. To be buryed in the church earth of Askrigge. I doe give unto Jane Thwaytes my wif the thirde of my tenemente duringe her widdowheade, or ells six pounds by yeare as longe as she doth live, & a cowe keped uppon the tenemente as longe as she liveth yf itt be hir mynde. I doe give unto my two sonnes Martynn Thwaites and Thomas Thwaytes all my whole tenement at Sedbuske & Letherskewe equallye to be devyded betwene theme, and my mynd and wyll is, that my two sonnes Martynn Thwaytes and Thomas Thwaytes shall paye unto Elzabeth [*sic*] Thwaytes my doughter the some of fourty pounds, that ys to saye, Martynn Thawytes to paye the some of sixteene pounds and Thomas Thawytes to paye the some of twenty four poundes, & the sayd somes to be payde at the ende of six yeares as followeth: att or uppon the feaste of St Martyn the Bushopp in winter come six yeares the first paymente, and the next Martinmas after, the second paymente. I doe give unto Willm Sayre & his wiffe the some of fourty shillinges which is in the handes of James Mouraye or his assignes. I doe give unto John Todde of Richmond, sonne unto Launcelott Todde the some of three shillinges foure pence. I doe give unto Sissell Todd a lambe. I doe give unto the children of Thomas Barrysse a lambe. I doe give unto the doughter of Willm Sayre a lambe, and these legacyes to be taken out of my goods and the reste of my goods to be equallye devyded betweene my two sonnes after my debtes be discharged.

Debtes owinge unto the sayd Matthewe Thwaytes: First by the wyf of Nyniand Metcalf 35/4. Item by Jeffray Pratt 20/-. by Anthonye Pratt 20/-. by the sayd Anthony Pratt for five stone and half a quarterne of wooll at 9/6 a stone. by George Todde 2/8. by Willm Thwaytes 3/4. by John Battersbye 3/3. by John Todd 12d. by John Wynn & James Wynn 4/8. by Michaell Mason 2/-. more by the sayd John Wynn & James Wynn 7/4. by James Wynn 3/-. by Thomas Sadler 6/8. by Thomas Wynn 7d. by John Metcalfe 2/-. Item I doe give unto Elzabeth Apedale 7/- which is in the handes of Richard Kendall and the wif of John Warton. by Adam Jaike 13/10. by Richard Metcalfe for four cattell gates in Hardrawe pastures three yeares 40/- and by the sayd Richard Metcalfe wyffe 2/6 in lent moneye. Debtes owinge by the sayd Matthewe Thwaytes: First to Thomas Jackson £6, and to Jane Mattocke 14/-. to John Wylson 8/10. I doe make Martynn Thwaytes and Thomas Thwaytes my two sonnes my whole executors.

Wit: George Thwaytes, Wilfraye Barrysse, George Todde & Percivall Thwaytes with others.

[Probate 23 Sept 1605 to Martin Thwaytes, son & one of the exors; power reserved to his co-executor]

[The inventory is written in very faded brown ink; it is badly rubbed and in places almost illegible]

A trewe & perfect Inventorie of Mathew Twhaites of Sedbuske at the tyme of his death, prised by theis foure men, Thomas Wynne, George Skarr, Thomas Sadler & George Todde the fourth day of September & in the third yere of Kinge James, as followeth, 1605:
Imprimis 10 kyne £13 : 6 : 8. Item 6 twinters £6. four stirkes 53/4. seaven calves 42/-. twentie ewes £4 : 6 : 8. thirtie shere sheepe £6. 19 lambes 50/8. one mare & a fole 46/8. one olde horse 10/-. one swyne 10/-. three henns, a chickin & cock 18d. 8 geese 4/-. hay £6 : 13 : 4. Howsholdstuffe & apparell & butter & cheese £6 : 13 : 4.

Debts owinge to the testator: Item by Anthony Pratt 40/-. by the wife of Nyniand Metcalff 35/4. by Jeffray Pratt 20/-. more by Anthony Pratt 47/6. by George Todd 2/8. by Willm Twhaites 3/4. by John Battersbye 3/3. by John Todd 12d. by John Wynn & James Wynn 4/8. by Michaell Mason 2/-. by John Wynn & James Wynn 7/3.[1] by James Wynn 3/-. by Thomas Sadler 6/8. by Thomas Wynne 7d. by John Metcalff of Symondstone 2/-. by Adam Jake 13/10. by Richard Metcalf 40/-. by his wife 2/6.

Debts owing by the testator: Item to Thomas Jackson £6. to Jane Mattock 14/-. to John Wilson 8/10. Funerall expences 27/4. *Summa* total of all the said goodes & debtes, the debtes paid & funerall expenses dischartged £65 : 13 : 9. [This is in fact the gross, not the net, figure; the latter would be £57 : 3 : 7]

[44] Christopher Blades of Helbeck Lunds

The 13th day of March 1605[/6] I Christofer Blaides of Helbecke Lundes of the parishe of Askrige, sick in bodye. To be buried in the church or church yeard of Askrigg. It is my will that Elizabeth my wyf shall have the govermentt of my children & their porcions & leaces to they come of lawfull ages. Edmunt Blaides, John Blaides & James Blaides my sonnes shall have my levinge equially devided a mongest them & to enter to it when they come to the age of 21 yeares, if they so licke, & if any of them dye before they come to their leving & have no essue, that then the rest to have thet porcion devided amongest them equally, or if any of them shall be a waister or nott a good husband & will not be advised by his frendes for his good, but will sell his partt of his ground away, then he shall nott sell it to any other but to one of his brethreing & at a resonable raitt at the sight of there frendes if they cannot agre of them selfes, or otherwise to wante the benifitt of my will if he doe the contrary. I give unto Robert Blaides my younest [*sic*] sonne £3 : 6 : 8 to be paid to him when he comes to seven years of age & he to be put to a traid & his portion lickewise put forwart for a stocke for him & to be paid to him by my 3 sonnes. I give unto Kathering Blaides my eldest doughter £13 : 6 : 8. I give unto Janne Blaides my second doughter £13 : 6 : 8. I give unto Anne Blaides my youngest doughter £13 : 6 : 8, to be paid to them by my executoures at such tymes as they shall come to lawfull age or prefered to maridge. Elizabeth Blaides my wif, Edmunt Blaides

[1] The will says 7/4 but 7/3 is correct, as part of the total sum quoted.

[*Jurat*], John Blades & James Blaides my 3 sonnes shall be my executoures jointly to gether & to have all my goodes amongest them. I doe ordaine supervisers, whome I do put in trust for to se it performed according to my mynd, Roger Dawson & George Salkeld, as my trust is in them.

Wit: Roger Dawson, George Salkeld.

[Marked: '*fiat Copia*']

[Probate 22 March 1605/6 to Elizabethe Blaides & Edmund Blaides; power reserved to their co-executors]

An Invetory of Christofer Blades taken the 17 day of Marche by Phillippe Allone, Christofer Mettcalf, Robert Dawson & Engraime Shawe, prisers, 1605[/6].

3 youngh horsses £11. one mear & a foill & 4 younge felles £9. one meare & a foill & a young colt £4 : 6 : 8. one stoned coult & 3 felles £6 : 13 : 4. 2 ould meares & a foill 26/8. one gray meare in the house £3. ten kye & their calfes £23. 42 yowes & theire lames £16 : 13 : 4. 50 wheather hodges & regiltes £14 : 6 : 8. in hay 40/-. one stot & a bull stirke 53/4. 7 calves 46/8. in houshold stofe & his apperell, puder & brase £4.

Soma totalis £100 just [Should be £100 : 6 : 8]

Debtes owing by the testatore: First for his [blank] £45. to George Birkdall 46/8. to Mychell Ewbancke 46/8. to Antony Fothergill 44/-. to Rowland Bland 31/8. to John Atkinson 21/8. to Willm Atkinson 15/8. to Mychell Darby 2/4. to Robert Handley 6/8. to Robert Hodgeson 2/6. to Willm Gye 3/4. to the chappell 3/4. to Willm Fothergill 12d. to the connstables 12d. to the pore 18d. to Christofer More 16d. to Willm Spencelay 11/5.

Soma £57.21d. [Should be £57 : – : 9]

[45] Christopher Pratt of Shaw Cote

The sixteenth day of Januarie in the yeare one thowsand six hundreth seven [i.e., 1607/8] & in the 5th yere of the reigne of our sovereigne lord James, I Christofer Pratt of Shawcote in Wensladall in the parish of Askrigge, yeoman, sicke in bodie. To be buried in the churchyard of Askrigge. I doe give unto Agnes my wife all my goods. I give unto my daughter Issabell fyve poundes. I doe give unto Agnes my said wife my whole tenement at Shawcote for the terme of six yeres, and yf it shall fortune our tenementes to come unto leasinge, my said wife Agnes shall take the lease thereof in hir owne name and discharge the fyne, rentes and all other incomes or trobles riseinge or growinge about the same. Also I doe make my said wife whole executrix. I doe give unto my sonn Raufe Pratt after the six yeres, the said tenement at Shawcote. He or his assignes shall pay unto my sonn John Pratt the some of fyve pounds, and my daughter Issabel Prat other fyve pounds, at two Martinmesse dayes next after his entering unto the same tenement without any longer drifte. I doe give unto Richard Walker my cozen one ewe.

Wit: Anthony Pratt, James Pratt [*iur*], Jeffray Pratt and James Guie.
(Probate 12 April 1608]
[No inventory extant]

[46] Richard Kettlewell of Camshouse

[The right-hand margin of this will is detached, and there is a frayed gap between much of the body of the document and the detached margin]

The fifte daye of Maye, six hundreth nyne, I Richard Ketlewell of Cameshouse in Wensadell, yeoman, sicke in bodie. To be buried [gap] all my whole tenement at Cameshouse [gap] naturall sonn [gap] stagge unto Elizabeth Ketlewell my daughter [gap] which is all with calfe, and gives milke at this present daye [gap] two whie-styrke and two oxestyrks, which is at wyntringe in Mawle. Unto my said daughter Elizabeth Ketlewell fourtie old gymber sheepe [gap] old sheepe whatsoever to my said daughter [gap] shold goods aswell within as those that are without [gap] Fowthropp my sonn in lawe, a lytle white mare [gap] rke gray filly with a white tayle and maine. To my said [gap] & shee to deliver the said horse orels the price in money to the place where [gap] my will and mynd is that shee shall well and truelie deliver six lambs out [gap] ichard Maison and they to be imployed towards his maintenance at schole [gap] aison and Tybb Maison daughters of George Maison (deceased) to eyther of them [gap] To Alexander Maison a tagged bulstirke [2½ lines deleted in ink]

Debts owing unto the testator: *Imprimis* by Mr Leake[1] preacher of [gap] thew Metcalfe of Helme 35/-, by Edmond Metcalfe and James Guye of Brockelcote [gap] inson 21/2,[2] by Michael Pratt of Shawcote 28/-, by Raufe Battersbie of Widdale 20[2] [gap] 26/8, by Ann Pratt, widow, 8/-, and by James Kettlewell 2/10. All which debts afforesaid [gap] and freelie give to Elizabeth Ketlewell [*iur*] my said daughter, whom I make [gap]

Wit: James Guye [*iurat*], John Pratt & John Metcalfe

[Probate 31 May 1609 to Elizabeth Ketlewell, daughter]

The Inventory of Richard Ketlewell prized by John Pratt, Frauncis Pratt, James Guy & Christofer Dinsdaill, May 19th 1609.

[The next few lines are tattered, and are illegible except for the following words and parts of words: 'forty we[thers], hogg[s], [sh]epe, nty k[yne]']

In beeding & househould stuffe £3 : 11 : 8.

Summa bonorum et chattellorum £60 : 13 : 4.

Debtes owing to the said Richard Ketlewell at his death: [Some of these details make it possible to complete the gaps in the will so far as concerns the debtors] *Imprimis* by Mr Leake 25/8. Item by Mathew

[1] The Rev. Richard Leake was the first master of Yorebridge Grammar School, founded 1601.

[2] These items differ in the will and the inventory; the latter is probably correct.

Metcalfe 35/-. Edmond Metcalfe & James Guy 46/8. Raph Battersby 23/4.[1] Jeffray Pratt 26/8. Nicholas Robinson 11/2.[1] Michaell Pratt 28/-. Ann Pratt, widowe, 8/-. James Ketlewell 2/10. *Summa debytorum* £10 : 2 : 10 [Should be £10 : 7 : 4]

Deebtes which the said Richard Kettlewell did ow at his death: *Imprimis* to Edmond Pratt 20/-. Item Henry Fulthorp 24/-. Jane Nealson 3/3. John Ritter 2/3. to a servant 4/8. Edmond Shaw 2/-. John Raw 6/-. *Summa debitorum* £3 : 2 : 4 [Should be £3 : 2 : 2]

Remanet de claro deduct deductend £73. [This must be wrong, for the appraisers' total of goods and debtors was only £70 : 16 : 2. The true net sum is £67 : 18 : 6; the appraisers may have added the creditors, instead of deducting]

[47] Anne Pratt of Shaw Cote

[Widow of Michael Pratt, whose will is No. 35]

1611 the eight day of July, I Ane Prat of the Shawe Coote in the parishe of Askrigge, widdowe, sicke in bodie. My bodie I comit to the earthe from whence it came. I bequeath to my sonne Mychell Prat and my sonne Christoffer Prat all the tables, bordes, bedstokes, dishbinke, pressures and all other thinges about the house appertaineinge to husbandrie, to be equally devided betwixt them. I give to my sonne Christoffer one fether bed. I give to my daughter Elizabetes children, to hir sonne Mychell Huchensonne foure sheepe and to hir daughter Dorithe one cowe, one cupborde and all my puder and brasse vessell and woode vessell in the house, item two coverletes, two happinges, three blanketes, two mattressies, one litle cheest. I give to my daughter Margaret one qui stirke, and all the rest of my goodes I give to my sonne Mychell and Christoffer and I doe make my sonne Mychell and Christoffer my whole executors, and I entreat my brother Mychell Metcalf[2] and John Metcalf to be my supervisors. Item give to Rychard Ketlewell one lambe, and my apparell to my daughters to be equally devided emongst them.

[Probate 18 Nov 1611 to Christopher Pratt; power reserved to the other exor]

A true and perfect Inventorie of Anne Pratt late of Shawe Coat, widdowe, praised by Michaell Metcalfe, Edmund Pratt, Jeffray Pratt and James Guy, as followeth:

Imprimis five kyne, three calves and a stirke £12. Item one gray meare 50/-. twentie six sheepe £5 : 6 : 8. houshold stuffe £7 : 3 : 4. pultrie 2/-. hay 10/-. hir apparell 20/-. *Summa bonorum* £28 : 12 : –.

[This is a clear and beautifully written inventory, and quite unfaded]

[48] William Nelson of Camshouse

[Only a copy of the grant of admon has survived]

Edmundus Maynwaringe, *Commissarius*, Agnete Nealson *relict*[*ae*] Willmi Nealson *nuper de Cameshouse parochie* Aiskrigge *intestat*[i]

[1] These items differ in the will and the inventory; the latter is probably correct.
[2] He was also a supervisor of her husband's will.

(ut asseritur) defunct[i], administrationem omnium bonorum inven[torii] et creditorum qu[a]e fuerunt ipsius Willimi Nealson *nuper mariti committimus teque administrationem eisdem bonis* 25 Sept 1616.

Concordat cum original[e]
per me Jo: Barker
No[ta]rius Pu[bli]cus

[49] Jane Nelson of Camshouse

18 Nov 1616. I Jean Nealson of Camshouse, widow, the unprofitable servant of God, weak in body but strong in mind, do willingly and with a free hart render up my soule into the hands of Almightie God my Maker, hoping that by the previous death and resurection of Jesus Christ my Saviour to in herit a plac in heaven amongst the blessed societie of angells, and as concerning my body, even with a free hart & good will I comend to the earth from whenc I came, and to be buried in Askrigg church yeard amongst my ancestors, trusting that I shall receve the same againe, not a corruptible, mortall and vile body, but an immortall, uncorruptible and a glorious body. First I do give unto my daughter Isabell fortie poundes, which indeed was the gift of my brother Bessonn[1] to my said daughter, which I charg to be first paid for out of my goods. I do give all my whole estate to Allice Metcalf and Issabell Nealson my daughters, to be equally devided, saving onelie the said deduction of fortie pounds first to be allotted to Isabell. And it is my will that my supervisores hearafter named shall sett downe what Henry Metcalf and Allic my daughter shall give to Isabell for the one half of the tenement. I give to Allexander Metcalf, son to Peeter Metcalf of the Bowbrigg, five pounds, after he hath served his apprentiship. To Martin Besson ten shillings yearly during the tearm of his life. To Dorithy Wright five shillings. To John Metcalf of Hardrow one black cowe which he hath in his own possession. To Ann Nealson my daughter in lawe an unbleacht fetherbed tick and a silver bowle. To William Gibson fortie shillings. To Peeter Metcalf of Bowbrigg the greatest silver bowle for a token. To Isabell Winn theirtie shillings. Whereas An[2] Nealson is indepted unto me seavenscore and seaven pounds, I freely give her threescore of the same, condicionally that she shall discharg her husbands debts, and my executors and Anthony Pratt of a bond which I & the said Anthony entered for Edward Guy at Kendall, unckle to the said Agnas,[2] at the request of William Nealson her husband, and discharg the suerties and my executors for the administration of Bryan Nealson and his wife and Samuell his son. Lastlie I will that all these fore mencioned legacies be truly paid by Henry Metcalf, as one executor in the behalf of Allic his wife, & Isabell my daughters, whome I make my executors, & I make Edmund Metcalf, John Metcalf, Peeter Metcalf and Anthony Metcalf my overseers and faithfull dealers hearin, and for there paines and labor I give unto

[1] Her brother was Anthony Besson, founder of Yorebridge Grammar School and a barrister.

[2] For Ann/Agnes see footnote to No. 50.

everie one of theme theirtie three shillings and fourpenc, to be paid at Martinmas next after the date hearof, these being Witnesses Jo. Metcalf [*iur*] [In spite of the plural, there was only one witness]

Debts owing by me: to William Gibson my man £8, to Dorithy Wright 15/-, to the poore of the parishe which was the gift of my brother Besson[1] £11.

Debts owing to me: Item by Mr William Robinson of Worton £17 : 6 : 8.

[Probate 14 Jan 1616/17 to Henry Metcalfe, husband of Alice Metcalfe, and one of the exors; power reserved to Isabel Nealson, the other exor]

An Inventorie taken at Camshouse the tenth day of January 1616[/17] of Jane Nealson, widdow, by James Pratt, Edmund Metcalf, Symond Rudd, Peeter Metcalf & others:
all her wearing apparell, both lining & wollen £6 : 13 : 4. two silver beakers, one silver bowle & fifteen silver spoones £6 : 13 : 4. five fether bedds, nyne boulsters, eight pillows, one fetherbed tick & boulster not made £10. five matrices, seaventein happins & coverlets £7. sex ruggs, one bed covertcloth of tapistrie £7. nyne yeards of course harden, 7 yeards of sacknet 10/-. fiftein blanketts, nyne payre of sheetes and sex pillows £6 : 3 : –. one dozen of table napkins & boordcloths 20/-. two long quishions and two carpett clothes & fower tables £3. two lining hand towells & 4 cowrse ones 5/-. one green cobertcloth, 4 setwork quishions not made & 8 besides 20/-. one canopie with two curteins 20/-. 5 other green curteins for one bedd 12/-. two litle stooles with needle work coverings 2/6. one stoole covered with settwork & 4 buffet stools 8/-. one green chayre, 2 other chayrs, two buffet stooles 20/-. five standing beds & 3 trunnel beds 45/-. five chistes 16/-. two stoon of lyne & one stoon of wool 32/-. 25 puter dooblers, 15 litle sawcers 46/-. sex potengers, one puter custerd plate, three broad plaites 7/-. one bason & ewer, two beakers, 3 tuns & one bowle 8/-. two puter cans, one double salt, one dozen of spoons 4/-. 6 candlestickes & 2 chamber pottes 12/-. 3 ketles, 5 potts & 7 pans £3 : 10 : –. two chafing dishes, 2 braising morters 10/-. 5 brass ladl, 1 paire of handyrons 10/-. 4 pair of tonges, 1 fyre shovell 5/-. two speets, one driping pan and one pair of racks 10/-. two frying pans, 4 choping knives 4/-. two heckles, 2 pair of wollen cardes, one great flesh tubb, 3 bruing tubs 20/-. three barrels, 6 staves, fower skeelles & two chirns 20/-. fifteen bowels, 24 dishes & one syle, 4 dozen of trenchers 10/-. 3 kans, one seeve & one temse 3/-. 2 cubbardes & one dish binch 20/-. 2 axes, 1 gavelock, 2 wombles, 1 sock & a partell 5/-. remaining at Byram, certain houshold stuf of the said Jean Nealson £10. a girdl & a brandyron 2/6. 9 kyne & a bull £26 : 13 : 4. 12 whyes £24. eight sturkes £10 : 13 : 4. eight calfes £7. one bay nagg & a filly stagg £3 : 13 : 4. 40 ewes & two tupes £16. 43 hoggs £12. 5 staks of hay £10. provision in beefe, bakon, butter

[1] Her brother was Anthony Besson, founder of Yorebridge Grammar School and a barrister.

& cheese & such like £5. 2 chists in Garstell[1] 16/-. 2 fatt kyne £6 : 13 : 4. [No total given; adds up to £202 : 6 : –]

[50] Geoffrey [Jeffray] Pratt of Holehouse

The 17th day of January 1616[/17] I Jeffray Pratt of Hoolehouse. To be buried within the parish church yeard of Askrigg. I do give unto my son James Pratt my tenement lying at Hoolehouse and Shawcoote in Wensleydell, being the yearly rent of 30/-. I do give unto my sonn Abraham my tenement lying at Skelgill and Helm in Wensleydell, with five cattellgaites which I bought, being the yearly rent of 3/10. I will that my son James do give unto my son Abraham the som of twentie poundes. I do give unto my son Jeffray Pratt my tenement lying at Letherskew, being the yearly rent of 4/6. I do give unto Isabell my wife the third part of all my goods and tenementes during her naturall life, or so long as she doth remaine widdow, and my said wife shall be my whoole executor. I do give unto my three daughters, Jean, Elsabeth and Agnas[2] Pratt, to everie one of them, the som of twentie poundes as a full discharge of there childs portion, and if they will not stand to it, then I give them no such legacie. I do give unto my daughter Margaret one why with calf, and to her child six ewes, and I do give unto my daughter Jone Skott one why sterk, and I will and require that Anthony Pratt, Edmund Pratt, James Pratt and Abraham Pratt be supervisors, and to everie one of theme I do give the som of 10/-.

In witness wherof ['the supervisors have hearunto sett ther handes' deleted, but no witnesses' names appear]

[Probate 12 Feb 1616/17 to Isabel, relict and sole exix, and to her was committed the tuition of Abraham, Geoffrey, Jane, Elizabeth & Ann[2] Pratt, the [minor] children]

An Inventorie taken at Hoole House the 27° day of February 1616[17] of Jeffray Pratt of Hoolehouse,who deceased the 19° day of January and praysed by Anthony Pratt, Edmund Pratt, James Pratt and Abraham Pratt, as followeth:

Imprimis his wearing apparell £3 : 6 : 8. Item 22 kyne & whyes £51. 11 twinter cattell £16. 16 sterkes £18 : 13 : 4. 14 calves £7. 9 horses & meares & fooles £20. 40 wethers & shearings £14. 60 ewes and gimers £20. 47 hogges £12. in hay £12. in houshould stuf & provision of the house £10. in taken ground for certain years £6 : 13 : 4. [A lease was personalty, not realty, but there is no consistent pattern discernible in these inventories in the matter of including the value of leases; more often than not, it was omitted]

Debts owing to Jeffray Pratt: James Metcalf & John Metcalf £20. Michall Pratt & Michaell Metcalf ['£15' deleted] £11. Thomas

[1] Garsdale.

[2] The names Agnes (pronounced Annis) and Ann were frequently confused. In the case of King *v.* King (42 Eliz) it was argued that they were 'all one name', but the court unanimously decided that they were 'several names'. In Griffith *v.* Middleton (15 James I)—i.e., about the time of this will—it was decided that 'Joan and Jane are both one name, but Agnes and Anne, Gillian and Julian, are different'. See also No. 49.

Abram & his son Aurthur £13. Willm Tenant £4 : 19 : –. Jeffray Thwaites £13 : – : 10. Gregorie Skott £3 : 13 : 4. Mathew Metcalf 40/-. Alexander Thwaites 53/4. Charles Atkinson £3. John Pratt 37/-. Robert Shaw 54/8. Alis Metcalf 40/-. Persavell Thwaites 40/-. Phillip Sigswick wife £4 : 10 : –. John Morrow £3 : 10 : –. John Buckle £4. Thomas Sadler £3 : 13 : 4. Raphe Millner £4. Jenkin Pickering £3 : 13 : 4. Georg Metcalf £3 : 7 : 8. John Metcalf 44/4. John Metcalf 24/-. Martin Thwaites 44/-. Peeter Metcalf 53/4. Michaell Mason 44/-. Georg Thwaites 24/-. Mathew Spenc 36/-. Oswould Ketlwell £3 : 6 : 8. John Jauqe 40/-. John Ketlwell 20/-. Robert Shawe 10/-. Thomas Metcalf 15/-.

Edmond X Pratt Anthony Pratt
James X Pratt Abraham X Pratt

[No totals are quoted at the foot of the inventory but on the opposite side of the folded sheet, written the other way up, are three sets of figures, evidently intended as the sums of the goods, debtors, and the two together. They read: £189 : 13 : 4, £124 : 16 : 2 & £314 : 9 : 6. All are incorrect and should be, respectively, £190 : 13 : 4, £129 : 13 : 10 & £320 : 7 : 2]

[51] Thomas Sharp of Cotterdale

The third day of Maye 1618 I Thomas Sharpe of Cotterdale in Wenslaydaile, sicke in bodye. To be buryed in the churche yarde in Askrigg with all dewtyes to be dewe. I make Margarett my wife my whole executrix. I geve to my sonne Robrt [*sic*] Sharpe £11, it to be payed to his use at Martinmas nexte. I give to my doughter Agnes Sharpe £11 to be payed at Martinmas lykewise. I geve to my doughter Marye Sharpe £12 to be payed at Martinmas come a twelvemonth, and if any of thes thre children dye before they come to lawfull age that ther portion or portions shall remayne to the reste. My supervisors shall have my power and authorytye to sell my tenement lyinge in Grysdale, called Whyt Wall, and thincrease of the money therof cominge, my sayd wife to have to helpe to bringe up my thre yongeste children unto such tyme as they be abe [*sic*] to git meate & clothes, and soe sone as any of the foresayd three yonge children can be able to get meate & clothes, ther portions to be put foreward for the moste advantage until they come to the age of 21th yeares. My sonne Richard Sharpe shall have a third parte of the price of the sayd ground to his owne use, and the resydewe to be devyded betweene my two yongeste doughters, and if any of my thre yonger children dye before they come to lawfull age, that ther portion or portions to contynewe to the reste of the sayd thre children. I geve to my sonne Willm Sharpe forty shillinges over and above the money that I have geven him which Leonard Win must paye him, and also I geve him all my clothes, savinge my cloake, which I will that my yongest children shall have cloathes of it made. I geve to Francis Walker 10/-. My wife shall not have anythinge to doe with the portions of my yonge children, but onely the entereste of the money as is before specifyide, and she to enter bonde to my supervisors not to clame any thinge savinge the

intereste of ther portions as is above expressed. I make supervisours Robrt Dawsone and Thomas Atkinson of Garsdaile, Jhn Parkin of the Lundes and Jeffray Thwaytes of Mosedale and Leonard Wynn of Girsdale.

Wit: Jo: Parkin [*iur*] & Margrett [*iur*] his wife

[Probate 18 May 1618]

Undecimo die Maij 1618no An Inventory of Thomas Sharp of Cotterdale in Wensladale, prysed by Christofer Metcalfe, Christofer Moore, John Blaydes & John Parkin the yonger. eyght kine & 8 calves, one geld cowe & a bull £20. sixe twinter whyes £8. fower stirkes £4. 2 yonge fillyes & one ould mare £6 : 13 : 4. 40^{ty} sheape £10. household stuffe & husbandry geare £3 : 6 : 8. shapen clothes 20/-.

Summa [blank; the total value is £53]

Debttes which the sayd Thomas Sharpe was owinge:
to Arthur Brigges £19. John Shawe[1] £10. Christofer Moore 40/-. Cuthbert Rutlage 55/6. Thomas Futhergill 40/-. Hughe Nealson 20/-. Nicholas Win & Georg Win 49/-. Bryan Preston 18/-. Anthony Knipe 26/-. Richard Jackson 10/-. John Metcalfe 25/-. Georg Thomline 19/-. Grace Aires 20/-. Christofer Win 12/-. Christofer Mayson childer 10/-. Richard Garthwayte 8/6. Mr Preston 40/-. Richard Atkinsone 6/4. Mathew Romley 4/6.

Summa [blank; the creditors' total is £49 : 3 : 10]

Summa totalis [blank; the *net* figure is £3 : 16 : 2]

Debtes owinge unto the disceased vizt by Leonard Wynn of Grysdell £55.

[52] John Shaw of Cotterdale

The sixteene day of May 1618, I John Shawe of Cotterdall in Wensadall, sicke in body. To be buried in the church of Askrigge. My will is that I be well and honestly brought home the day of my buryall. My wiffe Sissalye Shawe shall call for £20 att Lammas next, and £6 : 13 : 4 att Lammas come a twelve monthe to her owne use of Thomas Harrison as by bond herof made doth & may appeare. I give unto my daughter Margret Shawe £10 which is to be payd to me att Lammas next, of or by Thomas Sharpe of the Twhait[2] in Wensadall, and my will is that the same be putt forward to the use of my said childe till she come to perfect age, but if she shall dye before she come to perfect age, then it is my will that my brother, Richard Shawe, shall have fortie shillinges out of the said some. I give other 20/- out of the same, if she my said childe dy before she come to perfect yeares, to Jane Blaids my good sister, & rest of the said some to my wiffe. Willm Todd shall receive the somme of £20 of my wiffe at Lammas next, and have the same lent him so as he finde sufficient securytie for the same,

[1] See No. 52—inventory and footnote.

[2] Cotter End, alias The Thwaite, is a large area of hill pasture a little to the SSW of Cotterdale village. The Thomas Sharp mentioned (see No. 51) is that Thomas Sharp of Cotterdale in whose inventory is shown a debt of £10 to John Shaw.

for the time he hath yt, & he the said Willm Todd to let my wiffe have & peacably to possesse one firehousse next to the West Becke, with one little garden and one close called the Pirr Close, with one housse in the same, two cattell rowmes in the Cotter End[1] Close and peat-mosse sufficiently with wayes to passe & repasse to the same for the use of the said somme of £20 for thre yeares next folowinge, and then the said somme to be payd upp att the end therof to my said wiffe. Wheras Christofer Moore oweathe me the somme of £5 : 10 : –, my brother Richard Shawe shall have fortie shillinges therof, I give to the said Christofer Moore his wife 6/8 out of the same and 20/- to my sister in lawe Jane Blayds, and 12/- to Christofer Metcalfe his children, to be equally devided amongste them. Wheras Christofer Moore oweth me the somme of £3 : 13 : 4 due att a day expired, if he will pay it willingly he shall pay but five nobles, out of which five nobles I give to every of his children 4/-, but if he refuse to pay it willingly, he shall pay the somme of £3 : 13 : 4. And wheras he oweth me fifteene shillings mor, save 2d, which he should have paid to Edmond Harker, if he doe not pay yt to him that he pay yt to my wiffe. I give to Edmond Robinson my workday dublet & jerkin, to Fraunces Parkin my jerkin with jete buttons, to John Ash my workday stockings & shooes, to a childe of John Ashe whom I christened 12d. It is my will that my wiffe call for & receive of Christopher Moore one generall acquittance which remaines in his hands, which is a discharge of all dues and duties for my tenement which I had in Cotterdall, as by the said acquittance doth appeare. All the rest of my goods I give to Sissalye Shawe [*iur*] my wiffe, whom I make my whole executor.

Wit: Willm Todd [*iur*] and Richard Garthwate.

[Probate 9 June 1618]

An Inventory of John Shawe of Cotter Dall in Wensaydall, prised by fowr men, Willm Garthwat, Willm Hobson, Willm Todd, Christopher Metcalfe.

Imp[*rimis*] [blank[2]] Harrison £26 : 13 : 4. Item Thomas Sharpp[1] £10. Christopher Moore £5 : 10 : –. the said Christopher 33/4. the said Christopher 14/10. Willm Hobson 32/-. thre kine £5. one calfe 10/-. his apperell 10/-. in houshold stuffe 40/-. in hay 5/-. ['George Metcalfe 5/-' deleted]

This debitory *Imp*[*rimis*] to Thomas Moore 19/8. to Willm Hobson 53/4. to Edmond Harker 20/-.

[No totals given. Debtors & goods come to £54 : 8 : 6 and creditors to £4 : 13 : –]

[53] James Outhwaite of Camshouse

[Only the inventory survives and no note of admon is endorsed] An Inventorye taken at Camshouse the [blank] daye of June 1619

[1] See footnote [2] on page 41.
[2] Thomas—see will.

of James Outhwaite of Camshouse deceased, by Frauncis Pratt, Jhon [*sic*] Ketlewell, James Pratt, Henrye Metcalf, as foloweth: three kye and twoo kalves £7 : 10 : –. twoo kubertes 18/-. twoo ketles 10/-. fower panes with a fryingpan and one spitt 10/-. one table and three chayers 2/-. three chistes 10/-. eight puder dublers, twoo candle stikes, one can and fower spoones 20/-. one great gimlin, twoo tubes, one great bowle with other wooden vessell 16/-. one reakin, one payre of tonges, one axe, one chopin knyfe, one womble 2/-. one spining wheel 18d. three spaides, one lader 2/6. twoo forkes and twoo raikes 6d. fower quishines 12d. fower single coverclothes and twoo duble coverclothes 30/-. twoo payre of sheetes 10/-. thre boulsters and pillowes 5/-. his wearing aparell 40/-. [No total given; adds up to £16 : 8 : 6]

[54] Edward Nelson of Grange

[Both the original will and a copy are in the file, but there is no inventory]

15 July 1621. Edward Nealson of Grainge, yeoman, being sicke in bodye. First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Allmightie God my Maker who gave it, and my bodye to be buried within the parish church of Askrig. I give all my right and estate at Grainge, being of the auncient and yearlie rent of 5/10, to John Pratt of Skelgill and Austen Nealson of Askrigg, equallie betwixt them two, and the croppe of one close, which is taken for this yeare. To the children of Roger Metcalffe of Grainge, to evrie one of them 10/-, to be paied at Martinmas after my decease. To the children of James Roger of Askrigg the some of 10/-. To the children of James Pratt of Skelgill the some of 20/- to be paied all at one time. To Edward Nealson of Askrigge two whyes, to take which he will, and all my apparell, except my oldest rayment which I give to Renould Nealson. To Elsabeth Metcalffe and Jane Nealson all my houshould stuffe except the cupboard. To Christofer Nicolson the some of 26/8 to be paied at the end of three or foure yeares for the putting of him to an apprentice, and till then to be kepte at the costes and chargs of John Pratt and Austen Nealson aforesaide. I will that Jane Metcalffe shall have houseroome and fire and one calgarth during her naturall life. I will and ordaine that Roger Metcalffe [*iur*] and Edward Nealson be executores, and that I be honestlie and sufficientlie brought forther. I have sett my hand the 15th day of July in the 19th yeare of James.

Wit: Georg Metcalf (*iur*], James Pratt [*iur*] [Both signed the original will, to which the testator appended his mark]

[Probate 25 Sept 1621 to Roger Metcalff, one of the exors; power reserved to the other exor, who is a minor]

[55] Christopher Moore of Cotterdale

A true & perfect Inventory of Christopher Moore, late of Cotterdaile, praised the 14th day of October 1623 by these foure men, Thomas Moore, Augustine Metcalfe, Willm Holme & Henry Metcalf:

the houshold stuffe is praised to 40/-. foure whies £5 : 5 : –. two stirkes 48/-. five calves 30/-. one horse 20/-. sixteene sheepe 54/-. the hay 40/-. nine kyne £15 : 15 : –. *Summa* £32 : 12 : –.

Debtes oweing to the deceased comes to £8 : 14 : –.

Debtes which he did owe comes to £32 : 10 : 6.

[Admon, not endorsed on the inventory but by separate grant, to Wilphred Moore, son of Christofer Moore late of Cotterdaile, 1 Nov 1623]

[56] Cuthbert Shaw of Lunds

The eleventh daie of Februarie, one thowsand six hundreth twentie three, I Cuthbart Shawe of Lundes in the parish of Askrigg, sicke in bodie. To be buried in the churchyard of Askrigg. I give unto Lyonell Shawe 26/8, unto Lancelot Shawe foure children, every one of them, three shillings fourepence apeece, unto John Parkin six shillinges and eight pence, unto Edwarde Fawcett six shillinges and eight pence, and to his wiffe foure shillinges, unto Agnes Denes 12d, to Arthure Shawe wiffe 12d, unto Willm Parkin wiffe 12d, unto Thomas Wynn wiffe 12d, unto Elizabeth Dawson 12d, unto Willm Lynuter [?] one great chiste and a dishbincke, to Edmond Shawe, sonne to John Shawe, one read whie stirke, a sheete and a blanket. I make & ordeine my brethren & sisters children vizt Symon Shawe, Richard Shawe, Ellinor Shawe, Simon Fothergill, Edmond Fothergill [*iurat*], Ellinor Fothergill, Jaine Fothergill, Dorothie ['Fothergill' deleted] Shawe & Alice Shawe jointe and whole executors, and yt is my will and minde that they shall well & truelie content and paie such legacies as ys before sett downe to the severall persons above named.

Wit: Edward Fawcett [*iurat*], Richard X Shawe [*iurat*]

[Probate 24 Feb 1623/4 to Edmund Fothergill, one of the exors named in the will; power reserved to his co-exors]

[No inventory extant]

[57] Thomas Barton[1] of Helbeck Lunds

The 4th day of May in the yeare of the raigne of James the 21th, 1623, I Thomas Barton of Helbecklunds within Wensladl, Esquier, being sicke in body. My body shalbe buried in the parish church yearde of Easgarth. I give to Agnes my wife my tenement whereon I now dwell and all the grounds, houses, lands, tenementes and all other thinges contayned in the lease of two thousand yeares from Mr Geo: Cole[2] to the fore named Thomas Barton, accordinge to the said lease made the 24th day of March in the 16th yeare of Kinge James raigne, except the thirde partt of the Inge Heade, which I give unto my grand-sonne Richard Sydgwicke, with common of pasture upon Helbecklunds Common and Cotterdale Common, to him and the heires male of his

[1] In 1592 Thomas Barton was of Great Arnside; see No. 27. In the 1614 Survey he was shown as the tenant of land in Cotterdale, but there was no house upon it.

[2] His will is No. 62.

body lawfully begotten. Agnes my wife, Thomas Robinson of Beckhouses in Sedbergh, yeoman, Ralffe Sydgwicke of Leathbanke in Dentt, yeoman, and the foresaid Richard Sydgwicke, or the more partt of them, shall have authoritie to sell the tytle and interest of my said tenement to the most benefitt, use and behoofe of the said my wife, and out of the some that it shalbee so sould for, the debt which is oweinge to the said Ralffe Sydgwicke to be agreed & paid him, and also the debtt to John Dixon for the ground beyonde the watter to be paid him. I give unto the said Agnes my wife the tenementt att Archers duringe her naturall liffe, & after her decease I give the revercon of the same unto the said Ric Sydgwicke. Also I nomynate Tho: Robinson & Ralffe Sydgwicke supervisors and I make Agnes my wife & Richard Sydgwicke my grandsonne executors, and I give unto Agnes my wife all the rest of my goods yett unbequeathed. I give unto Thomas Robinson, Ralffe Sydgwicke, Agnes my wyfe & Ric Sydgwicke, everie one of them 10/- a peece in lue of their paines, hopeinge they will see this will performed accordinglie.

[The will is unsigned]

[Endorsed] Sealled assigned and delivered in the presence of John X Parkin [*test*], Henry X Shawe, Lawrence Nuttall

[With the papers there is a duplicate of the above will, with John Parkin's mark [*iur*], Shaw's distinctive mark, but with no record of his name against it, and the signature of Edward Fawcett [*iur*] instead of Lawrence Nuttall's]

The trewe Inventory of Thomas Barton of Helebecklundes, Esqyre, prised the 16th day of May 1623 by Henry Shawe, Robert Shawe, John Parkin & Edwarde Fawcett:
his purce, clothinge & bedding 12/-. in bookes 12/-. 2 tronks, 1 aumrye, a arke 6/-. 5 tubs and 5 standes 7/-. other wood vessell 2/-. pewter & a latin [i.e., latten] candlestick 4/-. 2 bras pottes with other fyer vessell 14/-. bordes & stooles & husbandry geare 7/-. a cartt & a paire of wheles 9/-. certane haye 16/-. a horse 16/-.

Summa total £4 : 18 : 8 [There are, in fact, no pence in any of the separate items, which add up to £5 : 5 : –]

[At foot, in a different hand] Ther is a lease unpraised.

[No doubt because both wills were unsigned (in spite of witnesses' statements—see below—that one of them was signed in their presence) and perhaps because the third witness was a different man in the two documents, the papers include a set of 'Interrogatories to be ministered to certayne witnesses product sworne and examined for the probate of Thomas Barton, late of Helbeck Lunes, Esquier and Councillor at lawe deceazed'.

There were four questions:

1. *Imprimis* did you know Thomas Barton of Helbeck Lunnes, Esquier, deceazed, yea or noe.
2. Item whether did the said Thomas Barton make anye will a litle before his death or noe, and if he did make anye such will were

you privye or present at the makinge, sealinge or signinge of the said will, and whether did the said Thomas Barton set his owne hand writinge to the same, yea or noe. And whether was the said Thomas Barton, to your best understandinge, in perfect memorye, sence and understandinge at the tyme of makinge anye such last will and testament or not, and who were witnesses to the same, and whether is his will or draught of a will nowe showed to you the same will which the said Thomas Barton did last make before his death, or not.

3. Item who or by whome or what person or persons did move, intreat or call of you to be witnesses to the last will and testament of the said Thomas Barton, & declare the truth to your best knowledge & what you can saye therein.
4. Item did the said Thomas Barton make his last will & testament of his own fre accord, yea or noe, or was he drawne, moved or perswaded thereunto in his weakness & infirmitie by his wife or some other freind or freindes against the good and profitt of his owne naturall children [It will be noticed that he did not even mention any children in his will] and if he were so drawne or perswaded, who were the persons or partyes that did soe move, perswade or intreate him therto, declare your conscience therein to the uttermost of your knowledge.

The only answers recorded were those of John Parkyn and Edward Fawcett. As will be seen later from Fawcett's detailed deposition, Henry Shaw, the second witness to both wills, had died. It is strange that no deposition was taken from Lawrence Nuttall, who had apparently witnessed one of the wills.

John Parkyn's answers to the interrogatories were:

1. *Ad primum satisfactus est.*
2. *Ad* 2 that the said testator did maike his last will about one month before his death, as this deponent now rembreth, and as he verilie thinketh *et al satis.*
3. *Ad tertium satisfact est.*
4. *Ad quartum* said that the said testator did make his will by his owne discretion, not perswaded therto by anne *et al satisf.*

[Mark]

Edward Fawcett answered:

1. *Ad primum satisf est.*
2. *Ad* 2 rember that the said testator did make his said will about a month before his death.
3. *Ad 3 satisf.*
4. *Ad quartum* that the said testator did make his said will of his owne acord without the movinge or perswading of anie, to his knowledge. [Signed]

[Endorsed, : '*Deposiciones original*']

Detailed depositions were also taken from Parkyn and Fawcett.

It is scarcely necessary to record the whole of these verbatim; the gist is as follows:

1 June 1624 [i.e., more than a year after Barton had died, for the inventory is dated 16 May 1623, which would probably be no more than a day or two later than the death] 'John Parkyn of Helbecke in the parish of Askrige', yeoman, aged 48, had known ['James' deleted] Richard Siggiswicke well for 10 years and Elizabeth Barton [she may have been Thomas Barton's daughter, for his wife was called Agnes] for four years. On 4 May 'about 12 of the clocke', being 'next neighbor' to the testator, he was sent for to come to him to be witness of his will. He went with Edward Fawcett and they found the testator lying sick in his bed in a parlour within his dwelling house at 'Helbeck Londes'. The testator asked Fawcett to 'drawe his will' and Fawcett took pen, ink and paper. The testator, being 'of perfect mynd and memorie did declare and maike his last will and testament', in which he said he would give and dispose as is recorded in the will exhibited, which is a true copy of the will of the deceased and was written by Fawcett 'by the direction and appoyntmente' of the testator, who read it himself after it was written, acknowledged it to be his last will, and 'thereto did subscribe his name', requesting the examinant to add his. There were present Edward Fawcett, Henry Shaw and the testator. [Mark]

Edward Fawcett of 'Helbecklond Londes', yeoman, aged 35, had known ['James' deleted] Richard Siggiswicke well for 14 years and Elizabeth Barton for 12. He also knew the testator well. He and Henry Shaw, his father-in-law, now deceased, were sent for by the testator, 'being neare neigbors', and went to him on 4 May 'at about 12 of the cloke'. They found him lying sick in a bed within the parlour of his dwelling house in 'Helbecke Londes' and asked him how he did. The testator asked Fawcett to draw his will, and that was done 'by the apointment of the said testator (beinge of perfect mynd and memorye)'. The will exhibited into the court was a true copy of the will which he had written by the direction of the testator. After it had been written, the testator read it over himself, subscribed his name, and said 'that was his will and shold stand for his will'. There were present John Parkin, Henry Shaw (now deceased), the examinant, the testator & no more. [Signed]

[I should mention that both copies of the will appear to be in the hand of Lawrence Nuttall, who was possibly a court official, but even so, both copies carry the mark, as witness, of Henry Shaw, who was dead by the time the depositions were taken and Fawcett was alleged to have written out the will]

[Probate 1 June 1624]

[58] Augustine Metcalfe of Yorescott

The 15th daie of Januarij 1626[/7] I Augustine Metcalfe of Yourscott. This is my will & minde, that my wife shall enioy the grownd att Yourscott and bringe up my children duering hir widdowhoode.

I give by legacie unto my daughter Fraunces to be put forward to hir use and behoofe the summe of four pounds (and if yt shall please God) that she die before she be maried, then the said four pounds to be devided equilie betwixt my tow sons. Deptes owing to mee: of Johnn Dinsdill £4 : 11 : –. of James Blaides 53/-. of Edmund Metcalfe 24/-. of Adam Foster 34/4. of Jenkin Pickering 3/-. Deptes owynge by the deseased: to Willm Barwicke £10 : 10 : –. to James Guye £8 : 6 : –. to Percevall Ingram 20/-. to Anthony Pratt 11/-. to Willm Metcalfe 36/-. to James Metcalfe 9/-. to Jeane Metcalfe 39/2 and to my Aunt Alce 25/-. Executors I make my wif and my three childerin, and suppervisors I make my father in lawe, James Blaides, Edmund Metcalfe & Richard Walker, requesting them to see all thinges performed.

Wit: Adam Foster and Edmund Metcalfe.

[Probate 15 Feb 1627/8 to 'Jean',[1] widow & relict, and one of the exors named in the will; power reserved to her co-exors. The grant says 1627, and perhaps by a slip of the pen this was stated in modern style. 1626/7 must have been intended, for the inventory—see below —was dated 4 Feb 1626 [i.e., 1626/7]

A true and perfect Inventorie of Augustine Metcalfe of Yorscott, prised by theese foure men, Thomas Metcalfe, John Metcalfe, John Ketlewell and Richard Blaides, the 4th daie of February 1626[/7] Four kyne £10 : 13 : 4. fower whyes of heffers £6 : 13 : 4. a mare and stagg £4. fower stirkes 53/4. two calves 20/-. twentie one sheepe £8. houshould stuffe & implemtes [*sic*] 40/-.

Summ total £35. Ther is also awne to the deceased as appeareth by the will £10 : 13 : 4. [The total of the debtors quoted by the testator was actually only £10 : 5 : 4]

[At foot, a note of the exhibition of the inventory by 'Joan',[1] the widow & relict, on 15 Feb 1627—a repetition of the probate date. The inventory is endorsed that execution was committed to Joan to the use of Edmund, James & Frances, children of the deceased, with James Blaides of Litherskew & Henry Fowthrop of Askrigg, who had, no doubt, joined in a Tuition Bond which is no longer extant]

[59] Gregory Mallory of Sedbusk

The Inventory of Gregorie Mallorye of Sedbusk (gent) praised by John Wraie, Leonard Metcalf, Charles Atkinson and Georg Sadler, the second day of September 1628:

his apparrell 39/-. seventene cheeses 14/2. one counter 4/-. in butter 8/4. ten peece of pewther 10/-. foure saucers 10d. six cheeses 6/-. one pewther pott, a chamber pot, three candlesticks, two salts, two drinking cupps & a brazen morter 7/4. two pottingers 6d. one ketle and two brasse potts 20/-. one litle ketle 4/-. one pan 3d. a dripping pan 2/-. 4 stands, 2 skeils, one kitt, a kirne, dishes & dishcase 4/-.

[1] For Joan, Jane, etc., see footnote to No. 50.

a box, a table cloth and 5 napkins 2/-. a furme, a stoole and an axe 14d. a spyning wheile & a tubb 2/-. one truncke 4/-. one sheete & two boules 20d. two coale sacks 18d. one swine 12/-. seven henns 2/4. one maund 6d. foure English bookes 3/4. a cheesepresse & dishbincke 6/-. a hay spade 6d. a smoothing iron 6d. peates 5/-.

Summa bonorum in tot £8 : 5 : 1 [Should be £8 : 2 : 11]

John X Wraye, Leonard Metcalf, Charles Atkinson, Georg X Sadler. [Endorsed with a note of the fact that Issabel, widow & relict, entered into a bond, together with Matthew Metcalf of Sedbuske, yeoman; the bond is not extant]

11 Oct 1628, admon granted in a separate document to Issabel Mallorie, widow relict of Gregorie Mallorie, late of Sedbuske in Wenslowdaile, intestate.

[60] John Pratt of Brockhill Cote

The 26th daye of October 1628 I John Pratt of Brockelcote in the countie of York, yoman, sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance, thanckes be to God, doe willingly and with a free heart & minde render & give againe in to the hands of my Lord God my spirit, which hee of his fatherly goodnes gave me when he fashoned me in my mothers wombe, makeing me a livily creature, nothing doubting but that for his in finit merits sett foorth in the precious blood of his dearly beloved sonn Jesus Christ he will receive my soule in to his glorye & place it among the company of heavenly angels and beloved saints. And as concerning my bodie, even with a good will I give over, comending it unto the earth wherof it came, nothinge doubting but that according to the articles of my faith at the great day of the generall resurrection I shall receive the same body againe by the mightie power of God (not a corruptible & vile bodie as now it is but an uncorruptible, immortall & perfect bodie, in all points like to the glorious bodie of my Lo: & sweet Savior Jesus Christ). And so to be buried in the churchyard of Askrigge. I doe give my eldest sonn Edmund Pratt half my dwelling house & half a close called by the name of Foe[1] and half the parsneb garth. I doe give him one close called Englebyleas and another close called Hunt Killinge[2], two why stirks & a stacke of hay. I doe give my younger sonn and daughter halfe the house & halfe the parsneb-garth & one close called Low Englebyleas & another close called the Ramphill & halfe the Foe.[1] I doe give my sonn Gregory one black cowe. I doe give my daughter Jaine all the rest of my goods, paying all my debtes, and she to be my executrix.

Wit: Richard Blaides [*iur*] and James Pratt.

[Probate 7 Nov 1629 to Edmund Pratt of Lowe Coate to the use of Jane Pratt his sister, daughter of the deceased and sole exix]

[No inventory extant]

[1] Usually called the Faw.

[2] At various times this close, later divided into three, was called Hunkell Ing, Hound Keld Ing, Huntkeld Ing, and Pratt Hound Keld Ing.

[61] George Thwaites of Skellgill

[Only son of Luke Thwaytes, whose will is No. 26]

[There are two Latin documents in this case:

(1) Citation 12 Aug 1630 by Arthur Ingram, Commissary, to the next of kin of George Thwaites, late of Skelgill, or to his creditors, to appear personally before him or his deputy in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, Richmond, on 19 Aug between 9 & 11 a.m. to take admon of the goods of the deceased or to renounce. If they did not come and take admon, it would be granted to whoever was willing to accept it. The citation is signed by Ben: Taylor, Registrar. The notice would be affixed to the church door at Askrigg, and at the foot is a certificate by the Rev Tristram Janson, Vicar (or Curate; Askrigg was still a chapelry in the parish of Aysgarth): '*Executum est hoc vestrum mandatum secundum tenorem present*[*ium*] *quinto decimo die Agusti* [*sic*] *per me* Tristram Janson'. The citation, which bears the Archdeaconry seal, is endorsed: 'These process being published *secundum tenorem* they must be so certified under the hand of the minister *in pede presentium*' [i.e., as Janson had done]. Below this endorsement is a note dated 19 Aug, signed by Taylor, the Registrar, that admon had been granted to Francis Burgh, one of the creditors of the deceased, who had sworn etc [*sic*].

(2) Admon 19 Aug 1630 by Arthur Ingram, Commissary, surrogate or deputy of the Archbishop of York (perhaps there was a vacancy in the Archdeaconry) to Francis Burgh of Upsall, gentleman, one of the creditors of George Thwaites, late of Skelgill, intestate. Ben: Taylor, the Registrar, certified that the document was a true copy, agreed with the original (which of course would be handed to Francis Burgh). At the foot is a note, above Taylor's initials, that Burgh was to exhibit an inventory on the Tuesday after the feast of St Matthew, but in fact there is no inventory extant. Evidently the next of kin were unwilling to administer.]

[62] George Cole of the Inner Temple [and of Hardraw]

[Cole was by far the most important resident of Abbotside at this time. He owned two-thirds of the Manor of Wensleydale and was the lessee of the other one third. There were constant disputes between Cole and his tenants, who were 'notable to contend in law with the said George Cole for redresse of their wronges'. The story is well told by Dr Willan in his Introduction to our Vol. No. 104. The will itself makes scant specific reference to his local holdings, but the scope of the inventory clearly indicates his status]

5 Oct 1629. I George Cole of the Inner Temple, Esquire, beinge at this tyme of perfect health and yet consideringe the frailtie of mankinde in generall and myne owne infirmities in particuler do hereby make my last will and testament. First I do most willingly bequeath my soule into the blessed hands of my alsufficient Redeemer Jesus Christ, the eternall sonne of the Ever-living God, by whose meritts and intercession I hope to enter into that glorie which is prepared for

the elect by God the Father after that my body be dissolved; and in the meane tyme I do depend upon the Holy Speritt of Comfort, the third person in the glorious Trinitie to be by him guided, directed and susteined in all the perturbations of this present life. And where it shall please God to call mee out of this vaile of misirie, I do bequeath my body to Christian buriall in such place and with such respect as my lovinge wife, whom I do make my sole and whole executrix, shall thinke most meete, to whom I do bequeath all my goods and chattells and all my debts and dueties which are due or to be done or performed to mee in law or equitie. All my lands, tenements and hereditaments unto my said lovinge wife, so longe as she shall continue sole and unmarried, upon this trust & confidence, that she shall therewith educate my children in the feare of God and provide for their livelyhood[1], according to her best discretion. And whereas by certaine agreements betwixt mee and Mr Thomas and Mr Matthias Allen[2], they are to convey unto mee for five thousand yeares diverse lands in Wenesladale, accordinge to the true meaninge of diverse articles made betweene us; I will and devise that if the said assurance be not made unto mee or to such as I shall appointe duringe my life, then the same shalbe made to my lovinge wife accordinge to lawe and equitie, whom I do make my assignie to take the same, and if my said wife shall at any tyme betake herselfe to marriage, then I will that the estate shalbe devided into three equall partes by fower honest and indifferent persons to be elected and chosen, two by my said children or so many of them as will joyne in the said election, and two by my said wife, and putt into an inventary tripertite; and after such division and allottment my lovinge wife shall have a third part thereof, and the other two third partes of my estate I do devise equally amonge my children which shalbe alive at the tyme of my said wives marriage (except my daughter Rose). And if any of them be dead, then the children of each person so deceasinge shalbe in the stead of the father and mother, to have their shaires amongst them, which their father or mother should have had; and I will that after such division my said wife and her second husband shall make to each of the said legaties such conveyances and assurances as shalbe by each legatie lawfully and reasonably devised. I do intreat my said lovinge wife to take into her consideracon my daughter Rose Jobson, and to releive her as she shall deserve, and be duetifull unto her and be advised by her. If any

[1] There is no evidence, to my knowledge, that George Cole had more than two children: a son, Thomas, who was the admor of his mother's estate (see No. 63) when she died later in the same year, and a daughter, Rose, whom he mentions in the will and who was his eventual admx. Since the testator requests his wife to educate his children, however, there must surely have been others. Thomas would be of age, or could not have been appointed admor, whilst Rose was already married. If the other children were minors, as mention of their education implies, one would expect to find a grant of tuition, but none is extant.

[2] Mathias Allyn of Dulwich, Surrey, gent., sold the Camshouse estate (part of Abbotside; see Nos. 64 and 110) in May 1630 to Sir Robert Bindlose of Barwick, Lancs, Kt. Could that have been part of the lands which, according to the will, were to have been conveyed to Cole? It will be seen from the inventory (below) that Cole owed Lady 'Bindlosse' £100.

of my sonnes[1] shall studie the lawe and follow that profession, I will that such of my sonne [*sic*] shall have my chamber at the Temple, readie furnished with hangings, beddinge, lynnen and bookes as I shall leave it at my decease. [Signed]

Wit: Dorothie Holme, Rich: Price [*iur*]

[At the foot there is a grant of probate dated 27 Aug 1630 by Arthur Ingram, Commissary, surrogate of the Archbishop of York, to Joan Coale [*sic*] relict of the deceased and sole exor named in the will. This grant is, however, not signed by the Registrar, and in fact Joan Cole did not administer the estate—see admon, below, to Rose Jobson. It is difficult to understand how the grant to Joan Cole could purport to bear a later date than the definitive grant to Rose Jobson.]

A true and perfect Inventorie of George Cole, late of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., praised by George Thwaites, Nicholas Thwaites, John Wray & Thomas Thwaites, the third of August 1630.

Imprimis 6 silver spoones, a little silver boule and a little silver salt 40/-. Item 30 peeces of pewther, of which 10 little plates 20/-. 3 pewther candlestickes 3/-. 3 pewther flaggons 5/-. 4 pewther porringers 12d. 2 pewther bowles and a pewther salt 12d. 2 brasse candlestickes, 2 brasse pottes, 2 old kettles, 8 pannes, a warming panne, 2 spittes, a dripping panne, 2 raggins & a frying pan, 2 paire of tongs, a brasse chafindish and 3 chamber pottes 40/-.

In the Parlor.

2 rainges, 14 buffit stooles, 2 chaires and 6 tables 20/-. 3 paire of ould bedsteads 10/-. 14 quishions 6/8. 3 feather bedes 30/-. 6 pair of lynen and samoron sheetes 12/-. 8 ould trunckes 10/-. 4 paire of blankittes 10/-. 6 happins 3/4[2]. 4 cover clothes 20/-. 6 dozen of napkins 13/4. 10 table clothes 10/-. 2 ould chests 6/8.

In the Butterie.

3 barrells, 4 tubbs, 3 skeeles, 22 bowles & dishes and a brewing vessell 13/4. butter, cheese and flesh 20/-. duckes, hennes and other poultrie 3/-. 2 bibles and certeine bookes 10/-. certeine husbandrie tooles about the house 3/4. 4 ould mares and 4 foles £6 : 6 : 8. 4 riding horses £6 : 10 : –. 10 staggs and twinter horses £13 : 6 : 8. 39 lambes £6. 60 toopes and weathers £15. 76 ewes and gymmers £20. 13 twinter beasts £15. 6 stirkes £4. 12 calves £3. 17 kyne £25 : 10 : –. wooll £7 : 8 : 2. a garth of bigg conteining by estimacon halfe an acre 10/-.

Summa £140 : 15 : 6 [Should be £141 : 3 : 2]

Debtes due to the testator: by James Rawlinson & Jaine Pratt £17 : 6 : 4. Thomas Metcalfe & Symon Rudd £5.

Desperate debtes: In primis William Martin £40. Item by Proctor £10.

Debtes oweing by the testator: In primis John Rippinchant £500.

[1] See footnote [1], page 51.

[2] Although the value of 6 happins is quoted as 3/4, I think that this should be 13/4, which is the figure given in his wife's inventory.

Item to My Ladie Effingham £210. Mr Edmondes £60. Mr Slater £40. My Ladie Bindlosse £100. Mr Onley £16. Mr Gorsuch £10. Mr Balliver [blank] Mr Alderson £20. Mr Nott 16/-. Item for funerall chardges £14.

[The total of creditors is not shown; it is £956 : 19 : –. He would not be insolvent, however, for the value of his realty is not included in the assets listed. Most of the goods and livestock in the inventory were still in his wife's possession when she died some six weeks later; see No. 63]

[Latin] Citation 14 Aug 1630. Arthur Ingram, Commissary, cites Joan, widow & relict of George Coale, late of Hardrowe, gentleman, deceased, to appear before him in the chapel of the Holy Trinity at Richmond on 19 August between 9 & 11 a.m. and accept or refuse execution of the will of the said George Coale, or in case there was no will, to become admor or renounce admon. The document is signed by Ben: Taylor, Registrar.

At the foot of the Citation is a certificate by the Rev Tristram Janson that he carried out '*vestrum mandatum secundum tenorem*' on 15 Aug; no doubt by affixing a notice to the church door at Askrigg. There is an endorsement to the effect that on 19 Aug, before the Rev John Taylor, admon was granted to Rose Coale, alias Jobson, wife of Thomas Jobson of Westhawkeswell, gentleman, and daughter of George Coale. This is signed by Ben: Taylor, Registrar.

Finally there is a certified copy of the grant on 19 Aug 1630 by Arthur Ingram to Rose Coale, alias Jobson, in the same terms as the above endorsement, and also signed by Ben: Taylor, who has added at the foot, also in Latin, that the said Rose had to exhibit an inventory in the next court. The inventory had, in fact, been completed sixteen days earlier, but perhaps not exhibited.

[63] Joan Cole of Hardraw

[Widow of George Cole; see No. 62]

A true and perfect Inventory of Joane Cole, late of Hardrowe in Wenesledale, widdow, praised by John Metcalf, Nicholas Thwaites, Leonard Metcalf and Thomas Thwaites, the seven and twentith day of September 1630:

6 silver spoones and a little silver bowle and a little silver salt £2. 28ty peeces of pewter, of which 15 litle plates £1. 3 pewter candlestickes 3/-. 3 pewter flagons 5/-. 4 pewter poringers 1/-. 2 pewter bowles and a pewter salt at 1/-. 2 brase candelstickes, one brase pot, 2 old kettles, 7 pannes, a warming panne, 2 spites, a dropping panne, 2 ['ragges' deleted] rackes and a fryeing panne, 2 pare of tongues, a brase chaffing dish and 3 chamber pottes £2.

In the parlor.

2 ranges, 2 chaires and 6 tables at £1. 3 pare of old bedsteddes at 10/-. 14en cushins 6/8. 3 feather beddes £1 : 10 : –. 8 old trunckes 10/-. 4 pare of blankettes 10/-. 6 happins 13/4. 4 cover cloath for table at £1. 2 old chestes 6/8.

In the buttery.

3 barrells, 4 tubbes, 3 skeeles, 20ty bowles and dishes and a breving vessell at 13/4, butter, cheese and flesh £1.

ducks, hennes and other pulen 3/-. 2 bible and certen old bookes 30/-. husbandry tooles about the house 3/4. 4 old mares and 4 foles £6 : 6 : -. 4 ridinghorses £6 : 10 : -. Ten stagges and twinters £13 : 6 : 8.

27 lambes £4 : 10 : -. 54 ronnes and weathers £13. 76 yewes and gymmers £20. Ten swynier beaste £15. 3 bulles £3. 6 sukes £4. Five calves £3. Ten kyne £28 : 10 : -. one hogge [the swyne reieted] 5/4. hogg 5/-. Totall £128 : 19 : 4.

John Metcalf, Nicoles Thwayte, Leonard Metcalf, Thomas X Thwaites.

At foot: a note, in Latin, that the inventory had been exhibited on 28 Sept by Thomas Cole, son of the deceased. Under this note, to the left, are the three amounts: 4/6, 2/-, 3/4, which will be various fees paid, and under the signature of Ben. Taylor, Registrar, is a further amount: £3 : 10 : -.

Lyver sell: funerall charges xli. Tot: [i.e., net] £122 : 19 : 4.

Below, and to the right, is a note that Arthur Ingram granted admon to Thomas Cole, son of the deceased, after he had been sworn.

[p4] George Thwaites of Camshouse

An Inventorie of Georg Thwaites of Cameshous in the Chapweire of Askrigg, deceased, prased the 11th day of Januarie 1610[1] by James Pratt, Henrie Metcalf, James Wynn & John Metcalf.

Imprimis his purse and Apparell £6. Item houshold goodes £9. butter & cheese £4 : 10 : -. corne on the barne 40/-. flesh in the house 26/8. In husbandrie geare 10/-. three pecks of meale 5/-. Summ £23 : 4 : 8. Henry Metcalfe, James X Wynn, James Pratt, Jo: Metcalfe.

Item one lease praised by James Wen, Barnard Smith[2], James Pratt and John [Metcalfe omitted] the eigthe day of July 1633[3] to the value of ten poundes, the lease beinge called Camshouse lease.

Ben: Taylor
Registrarius

[The inventory is endorsed by Ben. Taylor with a note that it had been exhibited by Grace[2] Thwaites, relict of the deceased]

[1] Camshouse was one of the few farms in Abbotside which had a Corn Close.

[2] Bernard Smith, whose will is No. 110, married Grace, George Thwaites's widow. George Thwaites, senior, yeoman, was presented as recusant at the North Riding Quarter Sessions in 1616, and two years later Grace, wife of George Thwaites, senior, of Satbusk in Askrigg parish was likewise presented.

[3] There seems no obvious explanation of the long delay between the grant of admon and the appraisal of the value of the lease. George Thwaites had taken a lease of Camshouse and other lands in Abbotside in 1608 from Sir Robert Bindloss for 31 years at £107 p.a. Bernard Smith followed him at Camshouse, which did not come to George Thwaites's sons. (See also No. 110).

Admon 17 Jan 1631/2 to Grace Thwaites, widow relict of George Thwaites late of Camshouse, deceased, by Arthur Ingram, certified a true copy of the original grant by Ben: Taylor, Registrar. [Original in Latin]

[65] Edward Fawcett of Helbeck Lunds

A true and perfect Inventorie of Edward Fawcet of Helbeck Lundes in the parish of Aiskarth, prised by John Blaides, James Blaides, Humfray Gibson and Willm Hunter, the tenthe day of March 1631[/2] foure young cattell £5 : 10 : –. three calves 40/-. twentie sheepe £6 : 11 : –. one young filly 35/-. in hay 35/-. his apparrell, husbandry geare and husbandry stuff £9 : 10 : –.

Summa bonorum £27 : 1 : –.

Debtes oweing by the deceased vizt. to Henry Bowffeild £10 : 5 : 4. to James Fawcett 20/-. to Richard Hunter £5. to Richard Foothergill 15/-. to Leonard Sigeswicke 40/-. to Anthony Hodgshon £5 : 13 : 4. to Richard Garthwaite 43/4. to John Blaides 13/4. to Willm Hunter 13d. to the Chappell[1] 10d. to Ann Gibson 49/-. to Humfray Gibson 8/2. *Summa debitorum* £30 : 9 : 3 [Should be £30 : 9 : 5]

Prisers: John X Blaides, James X Blaides, Humfray X Gibson, Willm X Hunter.

[Endorsed, in Latin, with a note of the grant of admon to Ellen, relict, on 16 April 1632, by Arthur Ingram; signed by Ben: Taylor, Registrar]

[66] John Parkin of Helbeck Lunds

The 22th day of August, the tenth yeare of the raigne of Charles, King of England, 1634, I John Parkin of Helbecklunds. To be buryed in the church yard of Garsdale. I give to my sister Jane Parkin eight pounds. I give to my sister Elizabeth eight pounds. I give to my cosin Jane Denis sixe shillings eight pence. I make my brother Willyam Parkin my whole executor. I give to my cossin Willyam Parkin one rayment of my clothes. I give to my cossin Richard Dawson the younger a rayment of my cloths.

Wit: Francis Howsson [*iur*], Christopher Blayds.

[Probate 4 Nov 1634]

A true Inventory of John Parkin, prised by four men, Thomas Shaw, Francis Howson, James Blayds, Christopher Blayds:
his aparrell 23/-. Item oweinge of my brother Willyam Parkin £20. of my sister Jane Parkin £10. of James Dawson 10/-. John Mason 4/-. Richard Benson 6/-. Georg Birkdill 3/-. Francis Howson 2/2. [Not totalled; adds up to £32 : 8 : 2]

[67] Ninian Lin of Sedbusk

Aprill 8th 1638, I Ninion Lin of Sedbusk within the parish of Esgarth, sick of body. To be buryed in Askrigg churchyard. I give unto Mary Blades, my grandchild, all my goodes moveable & unmoveable, & my

[1] No doubt Lunds Chapel.

money & debtes which I have oweing unto me ['& alsoe those which I have bought of Robert Metcalf of Sedbusk' deleted] soe makeing herr my sole & whole executrix. Alsoe my will is, that if it please God that this child dy in her my noritie that the foresaid goodes & money shall redownd unto my daughter Margretes children, if it please God she have any moe. Lastly I institute & apoynte to be supervisores my trusty & welbeloved freindes ['Henry Metcalf' deleted] George Thwaites, Christoffer Gowthropp, Willm Roger.

The debtes which I have oweing unto me ar in these menes handes whose names ar undwritten:
Marke Bentham £10 : 10 : –. Thomas Bentham 40/-. John Tayler 20/-. Mermaduke Burton 40/-. Willm Burton 30/-. John Langstrath 40/-. Somm is £19.

Witnesses Christofer Gowthropp [*iur*] [There seems to have been only the one witness]

[No note of probate is recorded at the foot of the will in accordance with the usual practice, but an endorsement says: '*probat*[*um*] 1638 June 26'. There is no inventory extant]

[68] Richard Blades of Brockhill Cote

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that at or aboute the 11th daie of March in the yeare of our Lord God one thowsand six hundreth thirtie seven [i.e., 1637/8] Richard Blaides of Brockelcote in the Chappelrie of Askrigg, yoman, beinge sick in bodie. To be buried in the church or chappell yard of Askrigg. He did give unto John Blaides his eldest sonn all his whole farme hould, house and outhouses at Brockelcote for ever. He gave to his said sonn John Blaides fortie shillings in money, with one casse bed and other furniture therunto belonginge. He gave unto Elizabeth Blaides his daughter fyve poundes to be taken out of his goods which he was then possessed of. And for all the rest of his goods he gave unto his younger sonn Christofer Blaides, Elizabeth Blaides and Jaine Blaids, to be equallie divided amongst them, all his houshould stuffe should be divided between his two daughters Elizabeth Blaids and Jaine Blaides, and that his sonn Christofer Blaides should pay out of his owne porcion fyve marks to Richard Keygill whenn he is apprentice. He did make his younger ['daughter Jaine' deleted] sonn Christofer Blaides whole executor of this nuncupative will and that ['she' deleted] hee should goe and dwell with such of his frends as hee could like of.

Wit: John Tuke, Michaell X Wetherat [*iur*], Edmund Blaids [*iur*]

[The will is in the hand of John Tuke; there is also a Registry copy]

[Probate 26 June 1638 to Michael Wetherelt of Askrigg, to the use of Christofer Blaides, son of the deceased and the executor named in the will]

[The original inventory is on the third page of a double foolscap folded sheet, the first page containing the original will. The words in brackets which follow are the variant spellings which appear in a copy inventory which is also with the papers]

The Inventorie of Richard Blaides [Blaids] of the Brockelcote [Brockelcoate] in the chappellrie of Askryg [Askrig] praised the 20th day of Aprill 1638, the prizers names, vizt, Thomas Metcalf, John Ingram, Anthonie Metcalf, James Blaides:
his purse and apparrell [apparell] 20/-. kyne £6. a horse and a mare [maire] £6. a foale 30/-. all household goods [goodes] and other implements 54/8. *Summa bonorum* £17 : 4 : 8.

Debtes owing [oweing] to the deceased: by Jenkin Skarr 20/-. Bryan Buckten [Buckden] 13/4. Edward Nelson 7/-. Alice Cowton 5/-. Jaine [Jane] Jaque 2/8.

Debtes oweing by the deceased, vizt at the time of his death:
to Christofer Milner [Millner] £10 : 16 : –. Alexander Skarr [Skar] 2/-. Abraham Blithe [Blyth] 3/-. Leonard Jaque 3/-. John Robinson 1/8. in funerall expences £1 : 16 : –. Jeffray Pratt 1/10.

[All four appraisers made their marks on the original inventory]

[At the foot is a Latin note, dated 26 June 1638, that the inventory had been exhibited by Michael Wetherelt. It was signed by Marmaduke Vincent, Notary Public]

[69] James Blades of Sedbusk

Aprill 17th 1638, I James Blades of Sedbusk, sick of body. To be buryed in Askrigg church yard. I give my two daughteres Joane & Allisse, either of them, thre shillinges four pence. The rest I give to my wife Margrett & to my yongest daughter Mary, equally betweene them, whome I make my executrexes.

Wit: Henrie Metcalfe, Georg X Sadler, Christoffer Cowthropp [*iur*]

[Probate 26 June 1638 to Margaret Blaids, widow relict of the deceased; power reserved to the other exix]

May 8th 1638, An Inventory of James Blades of Sedbusk, prized by these fower, Henry Metcalf, George Sadler, Georg Thwaites, Christoffer Cowthropp:
thre kye & two calves £8. a mare £3. two stirkes 48/-. eleven ewes & lambes £4 : 8 : –. his purse & aparill & riding geare 30/-. new cloth & bedding 20/-. two hackes, a gavelock, axes, wombles & workgeare 8/-. potes, pans, girdle, brandreth, reckan & tonges & puther 10/-. a dishbink & wood vessell ['chares & stoles' deleted] 7/-. a chist 4/-. wholle & cardes & cart & wheles 6/-. *Somma totalis* £22/12d.

Debtes which he oweth: to Richard Smith £3 : 17 : –. John Whitehill £2 : 7 : 8. Ant Bousefell 15/-. Willm Smithson 15/-. Georg Thwaites 5/2. Edmond Pratt 4/4. John Raw 3/-. Willm Fawcett 7/-. Edmond Blades 12d. John Metcalf 8d. Joane Metcalf 6/-. Georg Sadler 12d. for funerall expences 24/-. Som is £10 : 2 : 2 [The total so far should be £10 : 6 : 10] More to Willm Roger 11d. Robert Metcalf 3/7. Isabell Branthwaite 6d. Leonard Metcalf 6d. Richard Parkin 6/-.

Somma totalis £10 : 13 : 8 [Would be £10 : 18 : 4 if the sub-total were corrected]

[At the foot is a Latin note, dated 26 June 1638, that the inventory had been exhibited by Margaret, widow relict, to Joseph Cradock, '*sub protestat*[*e*] *de addend*[*o*] *corrigend*[*o*] *et reformand*[*o*] *etc*', signed by Marmaduke Vincent, Notary Public]

[70] Thomas Shaw of Lunds

[Original & copy will; the following is the original]

[Nuncupative] The nynth day of December 1637 Thomas Shawe of the Lundes in Wenslaydale, husbandman, beinge sicke in bodie butt of perfecte memory, did make his last will & testament in manner & forme following. Firste hee did bequeath his soule to God & his body to bee buryed, and hee did give to John Parkin of Garsdale all the mony which hee did owe him, and hee did give to James Metcalfe of the Thwayte[1] in Wenslaydale all the mony which he did owe him, and hee did give to Margarett Shawe, the wife of Lyonell Shawe of Mallerstange all the mony which shee did owe him, and it was his will & mynde that the said John Parkin [*iurat*], James Metcalfe [*iurat*] & Margarett Shawe should bringe his body to honeste and decente buryall & should beare all the charges of his funerall expences & other church dues, wee beinge witnesses John Mason [*iurat*], Wilhyam Huntter, Henry Fawcett [*iurat*].

[The copy will is substantially the same as the above, but begins: 'Memorandum that uppon or about the 9th day of December 1637.' There are some variant spellings: 'Lunds', 'Wensladale', 'Maullerstange'. The copy also says: 'of intent & purpose to declare his will and minde concerneinge the disposicion of his worldly estate, did by word of mouth without writeinge, will give and bequeath the same as followeth', but the legacies are the same in both documents. The only further difference is that the copy concludes: 'which wordes were spoken in the presence & heareinge of John Mason, William Hunter, Henry Fawcett & diverse others.']

[Probate 17 Sept 1638 to John Parkin & James Metcalfe; power reserved to Margaret Shaw. An inventory was to be exhibited, but there is none with the papers]

[71] Edmund Coates, senior, of Skellgill

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that upon or abote the two and twentie daye of Julie in 1638 Edmond Coats tholder of Skelgill in the parish or chappelrie of Askrigg, yoman, being sicke & weak in bodie, did declare and speak these words. First he did comend his soule into the hands of Almightie God his Creator, hoping to be saved by the merites and blood shedding of Jesus Christ, his onely Redeemer, and his bodie to be buried in the church or chappelyard of Askrigg. And for his worldlie estate, he did nuncupativelie or by wordes of mouth gyve to Ann his wife tenn ewes and lambs and three kyne with one bull, & all his other sheepe whatsoever, except ten sheepe which he gave to

[1] See footnote to No. 52.

his sonn Richard Coates[1]. He gave to his sone Richard one bay mare & two kyne. He gave to his daughter Elizabeth two kyne, ten sheepe & three poundes in money which is oweing at Ridmire. He gave to the children of Edmond Cootes his sonn & Edward Clarkson six wethers to be divided amongst the said children. He gave to his sonn Oswould Coates foure pounds and one why. He gave to his sonn John Coates one oxe stirk and six shillings in money. And for all the rest he gave to his said wife Ann Coates [*Jur*] whome he maide executrix [*Jurat*]. He did also will and require that his said wife should have all his grounds for fyve yeares for the maintenance & bringinge up of her younger children, and after thexpiracon of those yeares that Oswould Coats should have the Ing-banck and John Coates the Foes, and that his said wife Ann Coates should have the Ingbottom dureing her naturall life, and after his said wife her death, the said grounds should be divided amongst his said sonnes.

Wit: James Pratt, Edmond X Coates Junr, Edward Clarkson [The will is in his hand]

[Probate 26 Sept 1638]

The Inventorie of Edmond Coates older of Skelgill in the parish or chappelrie of Askrigg, prised by James Pratt, John Pratt, Richard Keygill and Edmond Coates younger, the 24th daie of August 1638 as followeth:

his apparrell and money in his purse 40/-. seven milke kyne £12. one mare at 40/-. one bull and a why £3. one oxe stirke & two calves 20/-. thirtene wethers and 17 ewes, fifteen lambs, a tupe & a pett £9. one stacke of hay 30/-. houshold goods & other implements 40/-.

Suma bonorum £32 : 10 : –.

Debtes oweng to the deceased: by Richard Cowton of Burterset £4. by James Milnerson of Ridmer £4. *Suma bonorum et debitorum* £40 : 10 : –. Oweng by the deceased in particalers to severall persons £5 : 13 : 4. James Pratt, John Pratt, Richard X Keygill, Edmund X Coats.

[Endorsed by Marmaduke Vincent, Notary Public, in Latin, with a note that the inventory had been exhibited on 26 Sept 1638 by Ann Coates, widow relict of the deceased, to Richard Wood, surrogate or deputy of Joseph Cradock, Commissary]

[72] Richard Coates of Skelgill

[Eldest son of Edmund Coates, senior, whose will is No. 71 and in which he mentions not only Richard, but the other children whose names appear in the grant, below]

A true and perfect Inventorie of Richard Coates of Skelgill, prised the 21th day of Aprill 1639 by John Pratt, James Pratt, Richard Keygill & Jeffray Pratt:

his purse and apparrell 10/-. two kyne £3. ten sheepe 40/-. a bay mare 40/-. Some £7 : 10 : –.

[1] His inventory (with admon) is No. 72.

Disbursed for his funerall expences & charges in the tyme of his sicknes 40/-. *Summa declaro* £5 : 10 : –.

[Most of the foot of the document is in tatters; only James Pratt's signature remains visible. There is a duplicate inventory, in even worse condition and really too fragile to handle]

[The greater part of the Latin grant of admon is missing; from what remains and is legible or at which an intelligent guess may be made, I conclude that Richard Wood, surrogate for Joseph Cradock, granted admon to Elizabeth Coates, alias Clarkson, now wife of Edward Clarkson, to the use of Edmund, Oswold & John Coates, her brothers (and presumably to her own use) on 23 April 1639. The grant is signed by Marmaduke Vincent]

[73] Roger Metcalfe of Grange

An Inventorie of Roger Metcalf of Grainge, taken & pryzed by us the 12th day of March 1641:
his purse and his apperrell 30/-. two old horses & two old mears £4. one black whye 33/4. two litle piggs 4/-. in old houshold stuff & implementes about the house 40/-. one cock & two hens 12d. two litle ewes 5/-. one lumpe of haye 13/4. 18 bushell of malt 50/-. in stede oats & barley 16/-. [Not totalled but comes to £13 : 12 : 8]

George Metcalfe, John Pratt, Christopher X Metcalf, Willm X Johnson, pryzers.

[There is a separate Latin grant of admon, dated 19 March 1641/2, by the Rev John Beckwith, surrogate for Joseph Cradock, to Ann Metcalfe, widow & relict of Roger Metcalfe, late of Grainge in Wenslaydayle, intestate. The inventory had been exhibited on 12 March. The grant is signed by James Hutchensonn, Notary Public]

[The next six wills were proved under the Commonwealth. None of them is accompanied by an inventory]

[74] Nicholas Thwaits of Litherskew

5 March 1651/2. I Nicholas Thwaits of Litherskue within the parrish of Askrigge, yeoman, beinge sick in bodie. Whereas by mine indenture of lease and indenture of assignment bearinge date the tenth day of January last past before the date hereof, I have demised and to farme letten all the lands, tennements and leases belonginge to mee and my daughter Mary scituate at Litherskue and at Sedbuske for the terme of thirteene yeares from the five and twentieth day of March instant, and likewise have therein granted and assigned to Adam Fawcett of Ballowfeild and to Richard Dinsdell of Hawes, yeoman, the educacon and tuicon of my daughter Mary with her lands, rights, goods and portion, and I do hereby ratifie, confirme and establish the same. Item I doe devise, and my will is, that they doe not sustaine anie losse or damage thereby. Item my will is that Margarett my now wife shall possesse and enioy her whole widdowe right, and whatsoever shall grow due to her out of all my lands, goods and chattles. Item I doe

give unto my wife all the household goods which were her owne before our marriage. And I doe hereby give and grant to my daughter Mary and to the heires of her body all and singular my leases, lands and tennements whatsoever. And if my daughter Mary shall dye without issue, then the sayd lands and leases to remayne and come to Thomas Dinsdall and Christopher Dinsdall of Hawes, sonnes to my sister Alice, and to their heires forever. Item I do give to my daughter Mary all my howsehold goods. Item I doe give unto my sister Alice three pounds, and to her sonnes Thomas and Christopher three pounds. To Margery Terrie, my sister daughter, three pounds to the use of her selfe and her children, and to John Tirrie her husband twentie shillings. Mine executors hereafternamed shall buy for the use of my daughter Mary and with a part of her childes portion one parcell of pasture ground, knowne by the name of Dirkgillfooke, and the same to be held and enioyed by my daughter Mary and the heires of her bodie forever. And if she shall dye without such issue, the same to remaine and come to Frances Tirrie, daughter to my sayd cozen Margerie Terrie and her heires forever. If it shall please God that my daughter shall marry and have a childe, my daughter Mary shall pay to Frances Tirrie the summe of five pounds. To Jane Metcalfe, my wife daughter, one good fillie foale which suckes a good gray mare now in Lancashire. To Elizabeth Bousefield or Thwaits two pounds tenn shillings. To my man Henry five shillings. To my mayd sarvant Elizabeth five shillings. I committ the educacon and tuicon of the lands, goods, leases, rights and porcon which belongeth to my daughter Mary to Adam Fawcett and Richard Dinsdell dureing her minority, and the tuicon of her person to Adam Fawcett onlie. To Adam Fawcett tenn pounds. To Richard Dinsdell tenn pounds for theire paines and care which they are ingaged in and must undergoe in preserving the rights of my sayd daughter Mary. They remaynder of my goods unbequeathed to my daughter Mary, and I doe appoint my daughter Mary and Adam Fawcett and Richard Dinsdell joynt executors. Nicholas Thwaits signe and seale.

Wit: Henry X Allen, Jane X Metcalfe, George Frier.

[Probate at Westminster 19 March 1653—probably modern style]

[75] George Thwaits of Sedbusk

20 Feb 1653/4. I George Thwaits of the Sedbucke within the forest of Wensadale and on the north side of the River of Ewre, sick and crasie in body. To be buried within the churchyarde of Askrige or elsewhere as my freinds shall seeme meete and convenient. Unto my loving wife Agnes Thwaites all my ground, closes and all my whole tenement for the terme and space of threescore yeares now next comeing, if shee my sayd wife Agnes Twaites doe live soe long, saving that my will is that my sayd wife shall but only liberty to remayne and dwell in my mansion fyrehouse and have one convenient roome therein and free liberty to ioyne and lye in the hallstead of the sayd house and have sufficient use of the fyre at the only charges of him or them to whome I shall bequeath the remaynder of the sayd fyrehouse. In consideracon

of the sayd legacie she or her assignes shall yearely during her life, or that terme above mentioned, pay unto Ellen Thwaits, my late sonnes daughter, the whole summe of tenn shillings at or upon the 11th day of November yearely. Unto my sayd grandchild Ellen Thwaits all that whole close called the Hildale and one house standing therein, and two cattell gate in the pasture called Lyesowe Cloase according to the olde stint, to enter thereunto after the ende and terme of threescore yeares or my sayd wives death, whether as shall happen sooner during the terme of yeares that shall then remayne unexpired. To my sayd grandchild Ellen Thwaites all that fyrehouse wherein she and her mother now dwells, during all the terme of yeares I have not yet expired, saving that if my sayd grandchild Ellen Thwaits doe dye before the terme of yeares which I have in the sayd cloase, cattell-gates and houses be expired, and leave no child of her bodie begotten behinde her, then I give all to my two daughters Jane Metcalfe and Mary Rogers and to their children after them, during the terme of yeares I have thereof which shall then be unexpired after the death of the sayd Ellen Thwaits soe dying without children. Unto my daughter Jane Metcalfe and to her children all that my now dwelling fyrehouse, garden and all liberties thereunto belonging at Sedbuske except before excepted, during the terme of yeares I have not expired. I give all my right and terme of yeares which I have in that close called the Great Cloase, and two calfe gates in the sayd high cowepasture now in my possession unto my sayd two daughters, Jane Metcalfe and Mary Rogers, equally to be devided, to enter thereunto after the end of threescore yeares or my sayd wives death, whether as shall happen sooner. And if either of my sayd daughters doe happen to dye and leave noe child behinde, the sayd close and cattellgate shall descend and come to that daughter of myne shall have children. Unto my sayd daughter Mary Rogers the summe of five pounds to be paid within one yeare after my wives death by my sayd daughter Jane Metcalfe and her husband Henry Metcalfe in liew of the guift of my sayd fyrehouse. Unto my sayd two daughters, Jane Metcalfe and Mary Rogers, three cattelgate in the sayd high cowe pasture and to their children, to enter thereunto after my wives death. One other cattellgate which I have in the sayd high cowe pasture to George Bett of Sedbuske, to enter thereunto after my wives death. Unto my two granddaughters, Ellen Thwaits and Grace Metcalfe, one heyfer or why which is thought to be with calfe. Unto George Bett one cowe which hee hath of myne, after my death. The remaynder of all my goods I give unto my wife Agnes and to my two daughters, Jane Metcalfe and Mary Rogers, equally to be devided amongst them, and I make my sayd wife Agnes Thwaites the executrix. I give unto John Battersbie, my wives sonne, twenty shillings and to the child supposed to be in his wives wombe five shillings if the child live, and to Agnes Wyne to whome I am godfather five shillings, and to Abraham Thwaits five shillings, and to my god daughter Jane Wyne two shillings. Unto the children of George Wadeson of Hardroe five shillings, and to Thomas Wyne two shillings sixpence. George Thwaits his marke.

Wit: John Tennant, Leonard Mekalt [*sic*, but? Metcalf], George Bett.
[Probate at Westminster 6 Dec 1654]

[76] Thomas Pratt of Skellgill

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that on or about the 14th day of February in 1654[/5] Thomas Pratt of Skelgill did speake these wordes. I give all that houshold stuffe that I have, I give it solely to my brother Edmond, and for that money that Richard Raigill oweth me, I give it likewise to my said brother, he payinge to my sister Margarett's daughter fiftie shillinges, and my sister Alice sonne fiftie shillinges more, to John Crofte tenne shillinges, to John Pearson five shillinges and to James Blithe five shillinges, and did nominate Edmond his brother sole executor. Which words or the like in effect he spake and uttered with an intent the same should stand for his last will and testament, in the presence and hearinge of Richard Raigell and Michaell Pickeringe. Wittnesses hereof Richard Rineill [*sic*, but surely a mis-reading of Raigill] his marke, Michaell Pickeringe his marke.

[Probate at London 17 May 1656]

[77] Thomas Thwaites of Hardraw

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that on or about the fifteenth day of March 1655[/6] Thomas Thwaites of Hardrawe within the parishe of Aisegarth, yeoman, beinge sicke of bodye and haveinge an intent to make his will & dispose of his estate by word of mouth, did speake and utter these wordes. My bodie to the ground, to be buryed in Askerig Church. Unto Mary my wife all my personall estate, and also all houses, garths or other groundes, and all other my goodes quicke and dead, and I make the said Mary my wife my sole executrix. Which wordes the deceased spake in the presence and hearinge of divers credible wittnesses, with an intent the same should stand for his last will and testament, in the presence and hearinge of Simon Webster,[1] Clerke, James Metcalfe and Anthony Metcalfe[2] wittnesses hereof.

[Probate at London 2 July 1656]

[78] William Hunter of Lunds

4 April 1648. I William Hunter of the Lundes in Wensdaile, sick in bodie. To be buried in the churchyard of Ravinstondaile. To my wife Margaret Hunter one third part of all the goods about my house and all the crops of all my ground, for two yeares for the bringing up of my young children. And at the end of two yeares after my decease to deliver two parts of it to my sonne Robert Hunter, and to keep one third part during her life. To my sonne Robert Hunter all my ground and land, and to enter to two parts of it two years after my decease, and at his entrance to pay to my sonne William Hunter tenne poundes, and my wife to have one third part during her life. And then my sonne Robert to enter to it and to pay other tenne poundes to my sonne

[1] Presumably Curate of Hardraw Chapel.
[2] His will is No. 79.

William. To my sonne John Hunter tenn poundes which my brother Cuthbert Hunter doth owe me, and tenne poundes out of the two parts of my goodes. To my two daughters Sybill Hunter and Margaret Hunter two parts of all my goodes about the house, and out of the same to pay to my sonne John Hunter tenne poundes. My wife Margaret Hunter and my two daughters Sybill Hunter and Margaret Hunter joynt executors. My brother Cuthbert Hunter, William Parkin, Richard Hunter and Renyald Winne to see this my will performed as my trust is in them. [Mark]

Wit: William X Parkin, Richard Hunter, Cuthbert Hunter, Renyald Winne.

[13 Aug 1658. Admon with will annexed to Robert Hunter, son and principal legatee named in the will; Margaret Hunter, the relict, Sybill & Margaret Hunter, the daughters, executrices, being cited to take upon them the execution of the will, did not appear]

[79] Anthony Metcalfe of Hardraw

21 March 1658[/9]. I Anthony Medcalfe of Hardram [*sic*] in Wensladaile, being sicke in body. To be buried in the parochiall chappell of Askrigge at the discretion of my friends. Unto Margarite Metcalfe my daughter one mansion or dwelling house, with all other edifices, standing in Peaceth within the county of Cumberland, for and from after the day of my decease, for and during the lease which was granted by Doctor Dawes to Annes Hudson, deceased, late wife of me, the testator, Anthony Medcalfe. Unto Anthony Medcalfe, my grandchild, tenn pounds yearely to be payed out of my lands at Gayle in Wensladale for the education and bringing him up with meat, drinke, apparrell and learninge enduringe his minoritie. I humbly intreat James Medcalfe of Fosdaile & Robert Heaton of Gayle in Wensadaile to stand & be supervisors of this my will, by vertue whereof I doe give full power and authoritie to those my supervisors to order, governe, let and dispose of all my lands at Gaile enduringe the minoritie of my said grandchild. My debts, legacyes and tenn pounds yearely to my grandchild for his education being payed, the remainder of all the maine proffitts of my land at Gayle to my two daughters Jane Smidish and Margeret Medcalfe, equally to be divided betwixt them endueringe the minoritie of my grandchild Anthony Medcalfe. All my lands at Gayle, with one mansion or dwelling house, with all other houses and buildings thereon standing, unto Anthony Medcalfe my grandchild, and to enter upon it when he shall accomplish the full age of one and twenty yeares, but if he shall dye before, then I give all the afore bequeathed premisses at Gayle to my two daughters, Jane Smidish and Margaret Medcalfe, equally to be divided betwixt them. My supervisors, James Medcalfe and Robert Heaton, shall have the educacon and bringing up of my said grandchild till he come to the age of one and twenty yeares, and then if his mind be to marry, that he shall not take and espouse a wife unto himselfe without the advise and consent of my said supervisors, if both or either of them be then livinge. My said supervisors shall make saile of all my household stuffe, by what name or

names soever they be called, after my decease and to be countable for the summe or summes of monie to be given and received for the said household stuffe to my executors. To my supervisors either of them five pounds for their paines and care in seeinge this my will performed. To the poore of Hawes quarter one pound. To the poore of Hardrew [*sic*] quarter one pound. My supervisors shall make saile of all my moovable goods and to be comptable for the summe & summes of monie received for them to my executors. To Christopher Medcalfe of Moosdaile two pounds. I make Jane Smidish and Margaret Medcalfe, my daughters, executors. My supervisor, James Medcalfe, shall sell my lands at Moosdale and those three closes at Gayle, that is to say Whitborwens, Ganywen Intaike and the Fawe, for the payment of my contracte monie and my debts. James Medcalfe, my suprevisor and assigne, shall make conveyance of all the remainder of my land at Gayle to my grandchild Anthony Medcalfe, if he be livinge at the age of one and twenty yeares but if he dye before then, to Jane Smidish and Margaret Medcalfe my daughters, to be divided equally betwixt them. If the mother of my said grandchild will have the tuition of her sonne, that then he shall not have any mayntenance out of my land at Gayle enduringe his minoritie. [Marke]

Memorandum that these words, the one and twentie March, was interlyned before the sealinge hereof. William X Dockra, John Atkinson.

[Probate at London 8 Oct 1659 to Jane Smydish & Margarite Metcalfe]

[80] John Blades of East Lunds

The twentie fourth daye of June 1658, I John Blaydes of the East Lundes in Wensladaile, yeoman, being sicke in bodie. To be buried neare unto my sonn in Askrigg Church. I give a third part of all my grounds & houses at Helbecke Lunds in Wensladaile unto my wife Elizabeth Blaides during her life. I give the other two parts unto my grand childe John Blaydes, and likewise the other third part after the decease of my wife, & my grand child John Blayds[1] to enter the possession of the said two parts presently after my decease, and the other third at the decease of his grandmother. I give to my brother Robert Blaydes twentie shillings and to his three sonnes forty shillings equally to be devided amongst them. I give to my grand childe John Blaydes eight poundes and to his naturall mother, my daughter in law Ann [?Mary; see probate] Blaydes fortye shillings. I give unto Richard Stephenson a new blacke dublett cloth, and buttons and threed belonging to it. I give unto Issabell Metcalfe fortie shillings. I give unto Annas Guye twentie shillings. I give unto Joane Longstaffe five shillings. It is my will and minde that the two cuppbords, the ['testard' deleted] bedd in the chamber, the great chist and a counter continue & remaine in the fire house to the use of my said grandchild John Blaydes. The rest of my goodes I give a third part theirof to my said

[1] See No. 96 for the (disputed) nuncupative will of John Blades, the grandson and beneficiary of the deceased.

wife Elsabeth Blaydes, and the other two parts I give to my said grandchild John Blaydes, and my said wife Elsabeth Blaydes and my said grandchild John Blaydes I make joynt executors. I apoint my brother in law Christopher Pratt, my brother Robertt Blaydes, Robertt Dawson and William Metcalfe supprevisors, to see all thinges theirin performed, as my trust is in them. I give unto these my supprevisors six shillings eightpence a peece. [Mark & seal]

Wit: Christopher X Pratt [*iuratus*], Robart Blaydes, Robert Dawson, Richard Stephenson.

[On 7 Jan 1660/61, before the Rev John Keirton, Mary [*sic*, but see will, where she was called Ann] Blaides, mother of John Blaides, a minor, was sworn to carry out the will of the deceased to the use of her son during his minority, the other executrix, Elizabeth Blaides, widow relict of the deceased, having died before probate and during her co-exor's minority. The same day an inventory was exhibited]

[This sheet is a little shorter than the other half of the folded document, and the following note appears immediately above the foot: '*Hu*[*iusm*]*o*[*d*]*i papiri folium truncatum fuit in conclusione eiusdem ante exhibico*[*n*]*em et probaco*[*n*]*em hu*[*iusm*]*o*[*d*]*i test*[*ament*]*i in hunc modum ut nunc existit.* Ja: Hutchenson'.]

A true and perfecte inventory of John Blaides of the East Lands [*sic*] in Wensladaile, yeoman, valued and prized by Bernard Smith[1], Regnold Winn, Cutchbert Winn and Usewoold Routh, the twentith nynte of June 1658. his purse and apparell £56 : 12 : –.[2] fether bed ticke and harden cloath £2. for one parcell of beddinge £4. annother parcell of beddinge £1 : 10 : –. quistions & bond leather 5/-. two chaffe beddes 4/-. peuder, a brasse morter & a smoothinge iron £1 : 10 : –. earthen potts, candles and tallow 3/4. reckon & tonges, girdle & brandereth, two spits & other things 13/4. brasse fire vessell £1 : 10 : –. a spinning wheele and woodden vessell £1 : 10 : –. husbandry geare 13/4. a parcell of wood vessell 5/-. three chists and an old arke 15/-. three beddsteads 13/4. a hose presse and iron forkes, tables, formes, chaires, stooles and boards £1 : 10 : –. butter and cheese £1 : 7 : –. meale and malt £2. beefe 4/-. colored stockings £2 : 11 : –. white stockings £5. carte wheeles, a gunn and other things 10/-. a horse, a mare & a foale & a fillie £8 : 10 : –. six whyes and a bull £16 [altered from £14]. two steares £4. five kine and three whyes £23. two calves £1. £137 : 16 : 4.

Bernard Smith, Reynold Winn, Cuthbert Winn, Usewoold Routh

[This is a copy inventory and does not show whether the appraisers signed or made their marks, but Bernard Smith, at least, always made a mark]

Debts owing to the deceased:

Robert Blaids by bond £20. Edward Guy 12/-. John Nelson by bill £3 : 6 : 8. Robert Dawson by bond £5 : 6 : –. Henry Smith by bill

[1] Bernard Smith's will is No. 110; he was of Camshouse, which is some 500 yards south of Shaw Cote.

[2] This is an exceptionally high figure for 'purse & apparel' in Abbotside.

£4 : 4 : 8. John Dinsdaile by bond £1 : 11 : –. Christopher Guy £3 : 5 : 6. Edward Burrough 5/-. James Blith 18/-. James Troughton £1 : 10 : –. Edward Metcalfe and his sister Phillis £3 : 10 : –. Alice Dawson £2. Gilbert Guy 10/-. Michael Davinson £3. James Dawson £1 : 15 : –. Robert Hunter £1 : 10 : –. Robert Blaids 10/-. Elizabeth Shaw 11/10. Dorothy Shestubb and her son John £2. Richerd Atkin & Samuel Greenhow £5 : 19 : –. Stephen Robinson of Ravenstondale £1 : 10 : –. Jane Shaw of Kirkby 1/8. Thomas Greenhow and his sonn Samuel £1. William Birkebecke neare Brougham £2 : 18 : 2. Christopher Laycocke £2 : 15 : –. Richerd Jackeson & his wife £2. Thomas Askew £1. Robert Wiggon 16/6. John Frudd £1 : 15 : –. Robert Dawson £7 : 10 : –. Christopher Dent £1 : 1 : 2. Richard Blades £3. £87 : 12 : 2.

Bond 7 Jan 1660[/61] by Ann [inserted over a name deleted, no doubt Mary; see note of probate at foot of will] X Blaides of Shawe Coate in Wenslaydale, widow, & Christofer Pratt of the same, yeoman. [He was mentioned in the will as the testator's brother-in-law.] £300.

Wit: James Tuke, Ja: Hutchenson, Notary Public.

For Mary [*sic*, but obviously should be Ann] Blaides to keep the will of John Blaides, her late husband [*sic*, although he was in fact her father-in-law] late of Eastlondes in Wensladale, to the sole use of John Blades, natural & lawful son [actually grandson, as the will shows] of the deceased, well & honestly to bring up the said John Blaides, her son [this is correct] during his minority and pay him such child's parts and other rights as are due by the death, will or inventory of the deceased's goods.

[Endorsed on outer cover] 'Blaides originall will & inventory' [The will in the file is the original, but the inventory is a copy] 'with them both indorsed. 17/6 received by me, and for ingrossment'.]

[81] John Kettlewell of Camshouse[1]

The Invetore of John Ketellwell of Camms House, lat decessed of Camshouse, of his goods mouffablle and un mouffablle:
the goods un mouffablle £1 : 10 : –. the goods mouffablle £3 : 10 : –. John Ketellwell indeted £1 : 8 : 8. more to Aathor Ketellwell for his finorall £1 : 14 : –.

Uxer Ketellwell is to tak Leter of Adminester ashon off his goods mouffablle and un mouffablle, in witnes here to wee subscribe our names under writin, John Metcallffe [the inventory appears to be in his hand], Edwarde X Dinssdill, Anthone X Metcallffe, James X Metcallfe.

[In a different hand] 'Arthur *Ad*[*ministrat*]*or tantum.*'

[At foot] 29 Jan 1660[/61] before Joseph Cradock, Commissary, admon of the goods of the deceased was granted to Arthur Kettlewell, in the presence of Ja: Hutchenson

[Endorsed] '*Nil recepi.*'

[1] This is not the 'mansion house' of Camshouse, but one of the subsidiary farms.

Bond 29 Jan 1660[/61] by Arthur X Kettlewell of Cammshouse, yeoman, & Anthony X Metcalfe of Bainbrigge. £15.

For Arthur Kettlewell to administer the goods &c. of John Kettlewell, late of Cammshouse. Wit: Ja: Hutchenson.

[82] Thomas Lambert of Yorescott

A true Inventorie of Thomas Lambert, late of Yorescoate in Wensladaile, prized by us whose names are heereunto subscribed the eighteenth day of January in the twelfth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second 1660[/61]

his purse and apparrell £1 : 10 : –. all the household goods £2. two kine & one calfe £6. moneys owne unto the deceased £2 : 10 : –. [No total given; comes to £12]

Francis Lamberte[1], Peter X Cagill, Alexander X Lambert, Jo: Forster

[At foot] *Nulli liberi in minoratete. Ad[ministrati]o tantum.*

[Below] Theese are to certifie that I, Isabell Lambert of Yorescoate, late wife of the above saide Thomas Lambert, do heereby authorize the bearer heereof, Alexander Ingram, to take letter of Administration for me and in my name, Witnesse my ['hand' deleted] name & marke heereunto subscribed, the day and year above written. Isabell Lambert her X Marke

[Lower still] Jan 29 1660[/61] *Comp[arui]t Gib[son] et exhib[ui]t inve[ntorium] petijt ad[ministratio]nem. Com[m]issaque fuit et est ad[ministrati]o bonorum d[i]c[t]i defuncti* Alexandero Ingram, *ad solum opus et usum* Issabellae Lambarte *vid[uae] et rel[i]c[t]ae eiusdem def[unc]t[i]* Ja: Hutchenson Notarius Publi[c]us

Bond 29 Jan 1660[/61] by Alexander Ingram of Bainebrigge, yeoman, Anthony X Metcalfe of the same, yeoman, & Arthur X Kettlewell of Camms House, yeoman. £30. Wit: Ja: Hutchenson

[The usual 'condition of this obligation' is not endorsed, merely the following note: '*Pro ad[ministratio]ne bonorum* Thomae Lambarte *def[unc]t[i]*']

[83] Augustine Metcalfe of Cotterdale

July the sixth 1655, I Augustine Metcalfe within the parish of Aysgarth, sick of body. To be buried at Askrigg Church. I give unto Margrett my wife all my houses and ground situate at Sedbusk dureing her naturall life, paying forth of the same unto Edmond my son twenty shillinges yearely, dureing her & his naturall life, and after her decease the sayd houses & groundes shall redound & com unto Henry,[2] my eldest sone, dureing his life, he likewise paying forth of the same unto Edmond my third sone abovnamed twenty shillinges yearely, to be payed duely unto him every eleventh day of November, & for want of due payment he shall enter the house & a close wherein the house standes, knowne by the name of Abbett Close End, dureing his

[1] His will is No. 121.
[2] His will is No. 87.

naturall life. After the death of my son Henry, Augustine his son shall have the said houses & grounds at Sedbusk dureing the terme contayned in our Decree[1], like wise as before is said that he pay unto my sonn Edmond 20/- yearely dureing his life, if he live untill Augustine injoy the same. Augustine shall pay unto Alexander his yonger brother ten poundes within a yeare after that he enter cleare unto the same. I give unto my son Henry twenty shillinges. I give unto Alexander, my son Henries second son, five poundes. I give unto Elizabeth, my son Henry yongest daughter, five poundes. I give unto my son John his seven children every one of them five poundes, to be putt forward to their use at theire fathers discretion. I give unto my son James his six children every one of them five pounds, to be putt forward unto theire use at theire fathers discretion. I give unto Cuthberte Steward & his wife ten poundes, whereof fourty shillinges is payed, & eight pound to be payd within half a yeare of my decease. I give unto Wilm Parkin four children, which An my daughter bare unto him, every one of them ten poundes. John & Margret, son & daughter unto the said Wilm Parkin, shall have theire legasies payed within half a yeare of my decease & Augustine his son 2 his legacie within a yeare and a half of my decease, & Wilm his 3 son his legasi to be payed two yeares after my decease. If Henry my sone, or after his decease Augustine his son, unto whome I have given my tenement at Sedbusk, shall faile of duely paying unto Margrett my wife nine poundes yearly out of the saide tenement, the one half at Martinmesse & the other half at May Day nex ensueing after my decease, and soe duely paying the said som of nyne poundes every yeare dureing her naturall life, that then my son John & my son James shall enter unto the said tenement at Sedbusk, & out of the same to pay the saide nyne poundes yearely unto Margrett my wife dureing her life, & the overpluss of the premisses to redownd unto them as is before bequeathed. I give unto John my son the revertion of my lease of the Crooke Rigg & Strandes & little Brighandale dureing the tyme of the said lease, paying unto the land lord his due rent. My son John and my sone James shall se & cause this my will truely performed, and also I apoynt the said John [*iurat*] & James [*jur*] my naturall sons to be executors.

By me [Signed]

Wit: Willffray Moore [*iurat*], Christopher Cowthropp [The will is in his hand]

[Overleaf] Item it is my will that my son John & my son James shall pay unto Edmond my son foure poundes every yeare for his dayly mayntaynance, that is to say, either of them fourty shilinges yearely, half to be payed at Martinmesse & the other half at May Day, dureing his naturall life. Item I give unto Margrett my wife all my househould stuff, beds, chists & bedding.

Debtes owing unto me: Richard Fawcett fifty six shillings 2d. Wilm Roger ten shillinges. George Mason six shillinges six pence.

By me [Signed]

[1] This was a decree of the Privy Council in 1632, after a dispute between George Cole and his tenants, assuring (at least to those in Sedbusk) 2000 year leases.

Wit: Willffray Moore [*iurat*], Christopher Cowthropp.

[Probate 7 June 1661]

November 28, 1655 An Inventori of Augustine Mettcalfes of Cotterdall within the parish of Aisegarth, prized by Wilfray Moore, Cuthbert Steward, Richard Holme, Christopher Cowthropp:

19 hoggs £2 : 7 : 6. 11 ewes £2 : 4 : –. 39 wethers £8 : 15 : 6. 2 mares & a foale £6. a steare £1 : 15 : –. 13 stone of wooll £4 : 6 : 8. 2 old lumps of hay £2. 4 stacks of hay £4. 1 stack of hay in the Springs £1 : 6 : –. chists, a dishbink, a table, chaires & other wood vessell £1. fire vessell & pewther 10/-. bedsteades & bedding & husbandry geare £1 : 10 : –. his purse & aperrill £10. debts oweing unto him £1 : 12 : 8. Totall £47 : 7 : 4.

A debatori: Rent due to Mr John Lowther £5 : 14 : 4. funerall expences £6 : 10 : –. Som is £12 : 4 : 4. The remainder of the inventori above written £35 : 3 : –.

[At foot, in a different ink & hand] '*Exhibit*[*um*] *sub protestate*.'

[It will be noticed that although the inventory is dated Nov 1655, by which time the testator must have died, probate was not granted until 1661. The will was written during the Commonwealth, when civil probate prevailed, but jurisdiction had been returned to the Church before the will was submitted to probate. The delay would seem to have been quite deliberate]

Bond 7 June 1661 by John X Metcalfe & James Metcalfe of Aisgarth parish, gentlemen. £100.

For both to keep the will of Augustine Metcalfe, their father, late of the parish of Aisgarth, deceased.

Wit: Matt: Hutchenson.

[84] George Caygill of Skellgill

An Inventorie of George Caygill, late of Skelgill in Wensladaile, prized by us whose names are heereunto subscribed the tenth day of July in the thirteenth yeare of Charles the Second:

his purse and apparell £3. all the brazen vessells in his house £1 : 5 : –. all the puter in the saide house £1. all beds and bedding in the house £2 : 10 : –. one cupboard, one table and one forme £1 : 6 : 8. all the wooden vessells in the forehouse £1. one chest, two coffers and other wooden vessells in the parlour £1. foure kine £11 : 10 : –. three twinter beastes £5. foure horses and their furniture £14. seaven dozen of drest leather £3 : 10 : –. one hundred and a halfe of undrest leather £4 : 10 : –. all the husbandry geere 10/-. all the tubs, fatts and other worke tooles belonging to the trade of a fellmonger[1] 15/-. moneys owne the deceased by severall persons specified in a Bill of Debts £15 : 17 : 7. Sum tot £65 : 2 : 3 [Should be £66 : 14 : 3]

Francis Thompson [*Jur*], Peter X Watson, Richard X Caygill, Michaell X Place.

[1] Cf. Nos. 86 and 103.

[At foot, in a different hand] 'Elizabetha Caygill *vid*[*ua*] *defuncti administratrix Jur*[*at*], Georgius et Thomas *filij*, Anna et Margareta *filiae. Tuitio concedenda vid*[*uae*].'

[Endorsed with a note of the grant of admon (undated) to Elizabeth Cagill, widow & relict, and tuition of the children. On the cover of the document is a further endorsement: '13 Sept 1661' [which was no doubt the date of the grant] 'Mr Wynnington[1] hath the bond Cagill In[vento]ry call for it *em*[*it*]*t*[*endum*] [?] *sub sigillo*.'

[On a separate sheet; evidently the creditors had been omitted from the inventory, which did not show a figure for the *net* assets]

Item moneys owne by the deceased to theese persons following, at his decease: owne to Thomas Kitchin £8 : 15 : –. to Anthony Fothergill of Broughhill £5 : 9 : 8. to Thomas Lupton of Thursbye £2 : 10 : –. to John Forster the elder of Askrigge £3. to Thomas Cagill junior £1. to Francis Lambert 4/-. to ['John' deleted] Thomas Nickalson 7/-.

Summa debitorum £21 : 5 : –.

[Not signed by the appraisers]

[85] Joan Pratt, alias Metcalfe,[2] of Sedbusk

Bond 1 Oct 1661 by Augustin Metcalfe of Sedbuske, yeoman, Edward Pratt of Shaw Coat, yeoman, & Peter X Watson of Skelgill, yeoman. £200.

For Augustine Metcalfe to administer the goods of Joan Pratt, his late wife, deceased, and to exhibit inventory.

[No inventory is extant, although the Bond is endorsed: '*Ad exhibendum inventorium in mensem*'.]

[86] Richard Caygill of Skellgill

The 30th day of July 1663 according to the computation of the Church of England, I Richard Cagill of Skelgill in Wensladaile, felmunger[3], beinge of perfect memory and remembrance, praised be God, doe make this my last will. My body to be buried in Christian buriall att the discretion of my executrix hereafter nominated. I give unto George Cagill thre chilldrin ten pounds equealy amonst them, to goe forward for theire use. I give unto my sister Jane foure pounds. I give unto Edmond Coates forty shillings. I give unto Oswold Coats forty shillings. I give unto John Coats the summe of forty shillings. I give unto Michaell Pickrin foure poundes and my best sute of apparill. I give unto John Bentham forty shillings. I give unto Richard Haton ['forty' deleted] twenty shillings. I give unto Michaell Place ['forty' deleted] twenty shillings. I give unto Peter Cagill twenty shillings. I give unto John Cagill forty shillings. I give unto Ann Pickrin forty shillings. I give unto Allice Clarkson ten shillings. I give unto Sithe Pears ten shillings. I give unto William Stanley forty shillings. I give

[1] Edward Winnington was the Vicar of Aysgarth.
[2] Civil marriage to Augustine Metcalfe, 6 March 1657/8.
[3] Cf. Nos. 84 and 103.

unto Elizabeth Stanley forty shillings. I give unto Christopher Blaydes forty shillings. I give unto Oswold Coats sonn Edmond Coates five shillings. I give unto John Coates sonn Richard Coats five shillings. I give unto Widow Bywell five shillings. I give unto William Bell five shillings. I give unto Margret Watson five shillings. I give unto Isabell Smales five shillings. I give unto Elizabeth my wife one gray horse and thre cowes. ['I give unto Christopher Blaydes one quy stirke' deleted]. I give unto Elizabeth my wife tenn poundes and all the debt which is in my debt booke. I give unto my wife all my houses, leases, lands, tenementes whatsoever for tearme of her life. After my wife decease I give all my grounds and houses unto Richard Cagill junior and his sonn Simon Cagill for ever, upon condition that he shall pay unto Thomas Cagill his brother the summe of fifteene poundes and to his father Thomas Cagill the summe of five pounds, and if the said Thomas Cagill his father dye before the decease of my wife, the saide five poundes shall redowne to Thomas Cagill junior. I make Richard Cagill [*iur*] and Mathew Cagill [*iur*] my sole executors. [Mark & wax blob seal]

[Underneath the testator's mark & seal appears 'Elizabeth Cagill her mark', with a wax blob seal]

Wit: William Stanley, Christopher Blaydes.

[On page opposite] I give unto Mathew Cagill wife twenty shillings. I give unto Mathew Cagill sonn twenty shillings. I give unto the poore people ten pounds and the use of that tenn pounds shall bee payd yearely to the poore of Skelgill, Grainge and Helme, Brockelcoate & Shacote and Holehouse. I apoynt Richard Cagill and Mathew Cagill to be fefies in trust for the payment of the use of that tenn pounds for ever to the poore.

[This codicil is neither signed nor witnessed]

A true Inventory of Richard Cagill of Skelgill the 29th of August 1663 by us whose names are under written:
his purse and his aperill £5. for brass and puther £2. 2 bed steads 7/-. for bedinge £1. a cubert £1. a dish bink 2/6. for woodne vesell 12/-. a paire of tongs & reckan 1/-. for chaires and stouls 3/-. for cards & whele 1/-. foure quishings 1/6. for beefe 2/-. for cheese 6/-. for thre bords 1/-. a cart & whels 3/-. for furnietery for horse 5/-. a gray horse £3. a black horse £2 : 10 : –. seaven cowes £16. thre stears £6. two stirks £2 : 10 : –. foure calves £3. thre stacks of hay £6. for peats & coales £1.

[Not totalled but comes to £51 : 5 : –]

John Metcalfe, Matthew Blyth, Peter X Watson, Christopher Blaids.

[At foot] '5 *7bris exhib*[*i*]*t*[*um*] *sub protest*[*ate*]'

Bond 5 Sept 1663 by Richard X Cagill of Skellgill, yeoman, Matthew X Cagill of the same, skinner, Matthew Blith [signed 'Blyth'] of Helm & Christofer Blaides [signed 'Christo Blaids'] of Coate. £200. For Richard Cagill & Matthew Cagill to execute the will of Richard Cagill, 'there unckles late of Skellgill'. Wit: Ja: Close.

[87] Henry Metcalfe the elder of Sedbusk

[Son of Augustine Metcalfe of Cotterdale, whose will is No. 83] The thirteenth day of May in the fifteenth year of the reigne of Charles, on thousand six hundred sixty three, I Heneri Metcalf the elder of Setbusk of the forrest of Wensedaill and on the north sid of the River Ure, yeoman, being sick and craisey in body. My body to be buried within the Church of Askrigg or else where my frendes shall seme meett and convenient. I give to my wife Izabell all that my house, with all belonging both movabl and unmuable, with a close caled Abraham Close and another close called Parack, and all my goodes movabl and unmovable. I give to my son Augstin Metcalf five shillings and the house which he now lives in, with all the lands belonging, paying to my son Alexander Metcalf ten poundes acording to his grandfathers will, and it is my will that the great laith or barne shall be my son Alexanders, without Augustin be willing to give to his brother Alexander the some of twenty mark. I give to my wife Izabell halfe of the lease of Hivenslakes during hir natuarl [*sic*] life, and Augustin Close and the benifet of the cowhouse. I give to my son Alexander Metcalf the other halfe, and all after her decease, paying the rent equally betwixt them, and my wife Izabell Metcalf is to have roume in the great barne to ly hir corne[1] in which she grows. I give to my son Alexander Metcalf all that my firehouse with the out chamber and the close caled Abraham Close, with the close caled the Parack, after the decease of my wife Izabell Metcalf, and it is my will that my son Alexander Metcalf is to pay to my daughter Elezebeth Metcalf the som of forty poundes after the decease of my wife Izabell at his entring of full posesion. It hapning that my son Alexander or my daughter Elezebeth die without issue of their bodyes befor my wife Izabell, it shall redound to ether of them. I give to my daughter Rose five shillings and on cubbart standing in my firhouse [*sic*] after the decease of my wife Izabell. I give to my daughter Jenet five shillings. I give to my daughter Margrett Mason five shillings. I give to my daughter Elezebeth Metcalfe the benefit of the lease with Mr John Couper for helping to bring hir upp, and I mak my wife Izabell Metcalf my execatrix. [Signed 'Henrie Metcalf': distinctive wax seal]

in the presentes of us

Thomas X Gibson [*iur*], George Bett [*iur*] [The will is in his hand]

Bond 12 Oct 1663 by Isabell X Metcalfe of Setbuske, widow, James Metcalfe of Forsdale, yeoman, & Thomas X Gibson of Setbuske, yeoman. £100. For Isabell Metcalf, widdow, to fullfill the will of Henry Metcalfe, late of Setbuske in the parish of Aisgarth, deceased.

Wit: Thom: Gibson [a different person from the third bondsman]

The 16th day of September in 1663, An Inventorie of Henary Metcalfes lat of Setbusk, desesed, prayesed by us whose names is heer under writin:

first his purs and apparill £5. corne[1] and gras on the ground £12. 4 peses of hay £4 : 10 : –. 9 kine and on bull £25. 2 mares, on foll,

[1] There was little arable in Abbotside, but Sedbusk had a Corn Close.

2 filles, on coult £12. 60 sheepe £10. on hogge swine 18/-. on cubart, 3 chistes, on dishbink with tabelles, bedsteades, wod vesall and husbandre geare £4. puder, bras and irane vesall £4 : 10 : –. woll and beding £4.

Deptes owing to the sayd Henry Metcalfe at his deses:
by Marmadack Kerton, Desprt, £7 : 2 : 6. by Stven [*sic*] Care £5. by John Forster of Midlame, Desprt, £10 : 10 : –. by Gorg & Thomas Cowthart £7 : 1 : –. by Simond Thwet £1 : 8 : –. by Renhould and Edward Dinsdall £8 : 3 : 4. by Richard Mullenax £2 : 8 : 6. by Anthone Thwetes £1. by John and Rich Rowth, Desprt, 14/-. by Robbart Husband £6 : 13 : 4. by Thomas Cowthart £3 : 6 : 2. [No totals given; goods come to £81 : 18 : –. and debtors to £53 : 6 : 10, including £18 : 6 : 6 of bad debts]

Deptes owing by the sayd Henary Metcalf at his deth:
to James Mayson £55. to John Prate about £14 : 8 : –. to Sir John Lowther £40. [Again no total is given; creditors come to £109 : 8 : –] James Metcalf, George X Sadler, Thomas X Gibbson, James Mason.

[88] Humphrey Gibson of Helbeck Lunds

[Nuncupative] The ninth day of Aprill 1664, Humfray Gibson being in perfect mind and memory did declare his mind unto me in these words folowing, that his sone William Gibson should be his exetor and that he would give him all that he had, quick & deade, for [interlined in a different hand] '(said hee the said Humfrey)' I am groane weake, for we are all mortall. Robertt Dawson.

[The will is endorsed: '9° *Aprilis* 1664, *Test*[*ament*]*um* Humphredi Gibson de Luns, *parochialis capellae de* Hawes', although Lunds was actually in Askrigg Chapelry]

A true & perfect Inventorye of Humfray Gibsons, late of Holbeck-Lunds in Wenslay dale, apprized the 26th day of May 1664 by Regnald Winn, James Dawson, Edmund Shaw & Richard Stephenson:
his purse and apparrell £3 : 4 : –. beddinge, wollen and linnen 2 : 16 : –. wooden vessell 12/-. brasse and pewther 14/-. one grey mare £4 : 13 : 4. a grey horse £2 : 13 : 4. a yeareinge fillye £2.

Debts oweing to the deceased:
by Henry Shaw £8. Thomas Whitfeild senior £1. William Devis £2 : 10 : –. John Knostopp junior £20. Thomas Knostopp £5. Rich Shaw £10. Jane Lambert £2. Michaell Denison £23. Henry & James Dawson £7. James Blaydes £20. John Huggison £3. Summ £118 : 2 : 8.

Debts owinge by the deceased:
to William Dennison £3 : 3 : 4. Thomas Moore £1 : 6 : 8. Miles Borrett 5/-. funerall expenses £3 : 10 : –. Willm Hillarye £1 : 10 : –. Jane Sidgwick 6/-. to the smith and other things 4/-. Summ totall £10 : 5 : –.

Bond 3 June 1664 by William Gibson of Heldbeck-lunds, yeoman, & Robert Dawson of Grisdale, yeoman. £1000. [There seems no reason why the bond should have been in such a high figure; twice the value

of the inventory was normal] For William Gibson to execute the will of Humfrey Gibson, late of Helbeck-lunds of the parochiall chappell-rye of Askrigg.

Wit: Thom: Gibson, Gre: Elsley.

[89] John Metcalfe of Cotterdale

[Son of Augustine Metcalfe of Cotterdale, whose will is No. 83] 21 Aug 1664, I John Metcalfe of Cotterdaill within the parrish of Aisgarth, sicke of body. To be buryed at Askrigg Church. I give unto my wife Elzabeth and Augusten Metcalf my eldest sune[1] halfe of all my goodes, and I give unto my sunes Gorg Metcalfe, James Metcalfe, John Metcalfe and my doughter Ane Metcalfe the other halfe, all my deptes, finorall expences and other leggases being first pade owte of the wholl. I give unto my sune in low, Barnard Kirkbrid, five shillinges, and I give unto his thre doughters Grase, Elizabeth and Margrate Kirkbrids, fiftene shillinges. I give unto my sune in low, Chrestofer Moore and his wife Gras and ther tou childerene, James and John, twenty shillinges. I maike my wife Elizabeth and my sune Augusten Metcalfe [*iur*] joyent execketores and I appoynt my brother, James Metcalfe of Forsdall, my brother in low Willm Parkine[2] of West Lundes, my cozen Augusten Metcalf of Setbusk and Willm Gibson of Lundes suppreviseres, and I give theme, every on of them, twelef penc for the care and paines that they tack, and they ar to have there charges borne, whatsoever thay or any of theme shall be put to consarning this. [Signed]

Wit: Wiliam Parkin, Augustin Metcalf [*iur*], James Metcalfe

The 23th of September 1664. Ane Invintory of John Metcalfe of Cotterdall laite desesed, prized by us whose names ar underwriten: his apparell and purs £2. bedestedes, beding, wode vesell, cubbart, dishbink, stols, chares & lowes bordes, with bras, puther and irane vesall £4. fiften score sheepe in alle £60. four kine £20. six sterkes and six calfes £7. six twenter bese £7. tow horses £1 : 6 : 8. haye and gras on the ground £26 : 10 : –. £127 : 16 : 8.

Georg Willson, Willfray Moore, Willyam X Holme, Michall X Blenkarne.

[At foot] '12° 9*bris exhib*[*i*]*t*[*um*] *sub protest*[*ate*].

[Overleaf] Detes dew to John Metcalfe of Cotterdall at his deses: by Robart Kerton and others, per bond, £7. by John Scare and otheres £4 : 15 : 9. by James Mason of Hardray 1/-. by James Blith and his mother both of Askredg £1. by Milles Mayson of Dent £1. by John Bland living in Sedber 10/2. £14 : 6 : 11.

Detes owing by John Metcalf of Cotterdall at his deses:
to James Metcalfe of Forsdall £30 : 1 : –. to Augusten Parkin about

[1] Called after his grandfather, in accordance with local custom. This is a constant source of confusion, for in a large family there were many cousins, eldest sons, all called by the same christian name.

[2] William Parkin was named in the will of Augustine Metcalfe (No. 83) as his son-in-law.

£13. to Rowland Brunskell about £3. Siseley Blenkarne £2. rent dew at Martinmas next in 1664 £26 : 10 : –. £74 : 11 : –.

Bond 12 Nov 1664 by Augustine X Metcalfe of Cotterdaile, yeoman, & James Metcalfe of Forsdale, gentleman. £200.

For Augustine Metcalfe to keep the will of John Metcalfe, his father, of Cotterdaile.

Wit: Ja: Hutchenson, Ja: Close.

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses] For Augustine Metcalfe to pay the natural & lawful children of the deceased their filial child's parts. [The children's names were not quoted, although blank spaces had been left for them to be inserted]

[90] John Pratt of Brockhill Cote

The 25th of January 1664[/5] accordinge to the comptutation [*sic*] of the Church of England, I John Pratt of Brockel Coate in Wensladaile, yeoman. To be buried in Christian buriall att the descretion of my executor [altered from executrix] hereafter nominated. I give unto Augustine Metcalfe and Alexander Metcalfe and Rosemond Steward and Anthony Thwaits and Isabell Rider halfe of my landes, leases and houses lyinge and beinge att Askridge, and the other halfe I give unto James Pratt and Abraham Pratt and Jane Guy and Alice Metcalfe, Elizabeth Thomlinson and Margerit Pratt and Jane Roger and Ann Roger and Elizabeth Outhwaite and Elizabeth Relph and Annas Towson. I give unto Thomas Metcalfe one bond of thre pounds eight shillings which hee sealed to mee. I give unto Jane Guy my bedd and all my bedinge and my apparell. I give unto Jane Roger one little crosse house in Askridge. I do make James Pratt [*iur*] my sole executor [altered from executrix] of this my last will and testament, revokinge all other wills and testaments.

Wit: Christopher Blaides [*iur*], John Guye.

[Probate 18 March 1664/5 before Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, by the testimony of Christopher Blaides, one of the witnesses. Signed by Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

Bond 18 March 1664/5 by James X Pratt of Skellgill, yeoman, Christopher Blaides [signed: Chr: Blayds] of Brockell Coate, yeoman, & Thomas Kagill ['Tho: X Cagill'] of Skellgill, yeoman. £100. For James Pratt to keep the will of John Pratt, late of Brokelcoat.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Ja: Close.

[91] John Guy of Brockhill Cote

A true and perfect Inventorye of John Guy of Brockellcoatt in Wensadell, yeoman, vallued and prised by James Pratt older, James X Pratt younger, Anton X Pratt, John Blaides, the third day of Aprell 1666:

his purse and apparell £1 : 10 : –. housald goods £3. oen [*sic*] cou and hir calfe £1 : 15 : –. toue hafres £3. oen yearen callfe 10/-.

oen yong hors £2 : 10 : –. husbandrie goods 5/-. £12 : 10 : –.
Detes which the deceased owed:
to Anne Blaides £6 : 8 : 6. to Christopher Blaides & his douter Doraty £7 : 15 : –. James Pratt £3. Frances Lambert 16/-. Tomas Caygell younger 10/-. James Brathrick 18/-. Christopher Blaides 9/-. Willuam Tomlinson 7/6. John Dicson 5/4. Willuam Vinard 5/4. John Lambert 4/-. Peter Watson 5/10. Tomas Couterd 1/10. Tomas Hoog 3/-. £21 : 9 : 4.
Fenerall expences £2 : 10 : –.
A lagace[1] to Gaen Niccallson 10/-. £3.

[At foot] Admon 7 April 1666 to Jane, relict of the deceased, and also tuition of the persons and portions of all the children of the deceased. Their names are not given]

Bond 6 April 1666 by Jane X Guy of Brockellcoat in the chapelry of Askrigg, widow, & James X Pratt of Skelgill in the chapelry of Askrigg, yeoman. £20.
For Jane Guy to administer the goods of John Guy, late of the chappelrie of Askrig.
Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Will Aisley.
Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses] for Jane Guy to pay to the natural & lawful children of John Guy all filial child's parts.

[92] Thomas Gibson of Sedbusk

A true and perfecte Inventory of Thomas Gibbson, late of Settbuske, prized by us whose names are under written, the tenth day of Aprill in the eighteenth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second, 1666:
his purse and apparell £2 : 10 : –. brasse and puter 10/-. wooden vessells & husbandry geare 10/- : bedds & bedding £1 : 6 : 8. tongs, reckon and other fire vessells 3/4. three kine £5. one heffer and two younge calves £2. one maire and one stagge £3 : 10 : –.
Moneys owne to the deceased:
Edward Metcalfe of Settbuske £4. Alice Winne of the same £1 : 15 : –.
Summ tot £21 : 5 : –.

Funerall expences and debts owne by the deceased:
his funerall expences £2. owne to Richard Cagill of Skellgill 17/-. £2 : 17 : –.
Augastin Mettcalfe, James X Maison, Edward X Metcalfe, Alexander Metcalfe.
[At foot] Admon at Richmond 23 May 1666 to Anne, relict of the deceased.
Bond 27 April 1666 by Anne X Gibson of Sedbuske, widow, & Arthur X Kettlewell of Camshouse in the parish of Aiskarth, yeoman. £50. For Anne Gibson to adminster the goods of Thomas Gibson, late of Sedbuske within the chapelry of Askrigg, deceased.
Wit: Jer: Haggitt.

[1] *Sic*, although there is no will extant.

[93] Augustine Metcalfe of Sedbusk

[Son of Henry Metcalfe the elder of Sedbusk, whose will is No. 87, and grandson of Augustine Metcalfe of Cotterdale, whose will is No. 83]

A prisment maid of Augustin Metcalfe, layt of Sedbusk in Wenslaidall, deceased, the 17th day of November in the eighteenth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second, 1666, by us whose names are subscribed:
his purce and apparill £5. husbandry geare 10/-. puder, brass and iron vessell £1 : 10 : –. woddon vessell £1. cubbart & dishbord £1. tables, forms and chaires £1. bedsteads and beddeing £1 : 10 : –. chists, coffers & trunks £1. thre kinne £4. thre heffers £3 : 10 : –. one steare & one calfe £1 : 3 : 4. sixteen sheepe £3 : 4 : –. nineteen hogges £2 : 17 : –. one horse & one ould maire £2. hay upon the land £10. Totall is £39 : 4 : 4.

Debts owing to the deceased: by Edward Cowper & Richard Batty £2. James X Meason, Edward X Metcalfe, Anthony X Tomsone, Henary X Metcalfe.

[On p. 3 of the folded sheet] Debts owing by the deceased:
to Sir John Lowther, Barronett £42. to Richard Loaryman £10 : 15 : –. to Vincent Brothrck [*sic*] £5 : 15 : –. [Total not given; comes to £58 : 10 : –. The list of creditors is not signed by the appraisers]

[At foot] [On 12 Dec 1666, before the Rev. William Colden, Curate of the parochial chapel of Askrigg, by virtue of a special commission from Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, admon was granted to Elizabeth Metcalfe, widow & relict of the deceased, and an inventory was exhibited for the sum of £39 : 4 : 4. [This was in fact the value of the goods only; after adding the debtors and deducting the creditors there was a deficit—see the widow's declaration below]

[On 1 Dec 1666 there was a Citation (in Latin; I give the gist) by Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, directing Richard Walker, Vicar of Aysgarth, & William Colden, Curate of the Chapel of Askrigg, to call before them, or one of them, Elizabeth Metcalfe of Setbuske in the Chapelry of Askrigg, widow & relict of Austin Metcalfe, formerly of the same place, deceased, and swear her upon the Holy Evangelists faithfully to administer the goods &c of her late husband, intestate as was alleged, and to enter into bond in respect of the persons & portions of Henry & Elizabeth Metcalfe, children of the deceased and minors. The commission was to be executed by 15 Dec. It was dated at Richmond and signed by Tr[istram] Drummond, Registrar. At the foot is a certificate in Latin by William Colden that he had carried out the mandate on 12 Dec 1666]

Bond 1 Dec 1666 by Elizabeth X Metcalfe of Setbuske, widow, Alexander Metcalf of Sedbuske & Henry Metcalf of Sedbusk. [The second and third names were added in a different hand]. £200.

For Elizabeth Metcalfe to administer the goods of Austine Metcalfe, late of Sedbuske, her husband.

Wit: Jackobe Mason, Tristram Janson.

Tuition Bond 12 Dec 1666 by Elizabeth X Metcalfe of Setbuske, widow, Alexander Metcalfe & Henry Metcalf. £100. For Elizabeth Metcalfe to pay to Henry & Elizabeth Metcalfe, natural & lawful children of Austine Metcalfe, late of Sedbuske, their filial child's parts.

Wit: Jackobe Mason, Tristram Janson.

15 Jan 1667[/8]. A declaracon of the Account of Elizabeth Metcalfe, widdow and relict of Austine Metcalfe late of Sedbuske in the Chapelrie of Askerigg and Administatrix of the sayd deceased. This Accomptant chargeth herselfe with the goods in an Inventorie by this Accomptant exhibited in the Registrie of this Court, amounting in all to the sume of £39 : 4 : 4, out of which this Accomptant craveth allowance of the severall sumes of money by her disbursed for the funerall expences and debts of the sayd deceased. For the funerall expences, buryall fees and other necessary expences about the same in severall sumes under 40d a peice £2 : 5 : –. Paid unto Sir John Lowther Barronett, in full satisfaccon of one bond due and payable by the said deceased £42. Paid unto Vincent Bratherick of Hardrow for a debt owing by the sayd deceased upon bond at the tyme of his death & since discharged by this Accomptant, as appears by an acquittance under his hand £5 : 15 : –. Summa total £50. [She does not mention the debt of £10 : 15 : – to Richard Loaryman] Soe it appeareth by this accomptant upon her administracon hath paid and discharged much more money then the deceaseds goods which came to her hands amounted to. Wherefore she humbly prayeth to be acquitted and discharged from the further instance of this Court touching the premises.

[At foot] Citation (in Latin) dated Wednesday after the Feast of St Hilary (i.e., 13 Jan) 1667(/8) by Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, to the next of kin of Austin Metcalfe, late of the Chapelry of Askrigg, deceased, and other interested persons, to view the account of Elizabeth Metcalfe, administatrix of the goods of the said deceased. The said Elizabeth Metcalfe appeared personally and exhibited her account and sought disposition. Letters testimonial were granted, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

[Endorsed] '*Comptus* Elizabethae Metcalfe *adm*[*inistratricis*] *bonorum* Austini Metcalfe *de* Setbuske *eius marit*[*i*] *def*[*unc*]*ti paroch*[*iae*] Aisgarth']

[Amongst documents in the possession of Dr Willan of Manchester University is a copy of Elizabeth Metcalfe's Account. Sewn into the front of it is a document bearing the Archdeaconry seal and signed by Sir Joseph Cradock, the Commissary. This confirms (in Latin) that she has duly exhibited her account, is '*sine culpa*' and is accordingly dismissed, under date of 15 Jan 1667/8]

[In connection with the Tuition Bond (above) Dr Willan's documents also contain the definitive grant of tuition, under the Archdeaconry seal, dated 22 Dec 1666, to Elizabeth Metcalfe of Setbuske, of Henry & Elizabeth Metcalfe, natural & lawful children of Austin Metcalfe, late of Setbuske, deceased. The grant was signed by Sir Joseph Cradock and by Tristram Drummond, the Registrar.]

[94] John Thompson of Sedbusk

[This is an original will and is in the possession of Dr T. S. Willan. It was written during a period of political uncertainty; Oliver Cromwell died in Sept 1658 but Charles II was not proclaimed until 8 May 1660. There is no trace of probate in the records of the Archdeaconry and the will was certainly not proved in London. Indeed, I have no evidence of when John Thompson died (there is no inventory) for the Parish Registers of Askrigg do not go back quite so far as this. For these reasons it is possible that I may have listed the will out of strict chronological order.]

7 April 1659, I John Thompson of Setbusk, yeoman. Unto my brother Thomas Thompson[1] the westend of the firehouse and a gardin of the sousid of the said house, and fiften shilings every yeare out of a close caled the Lease, and a twinter gate in the High Cow Paster in Setbusk, so the said Thomas Thompson is to have this abovsed fiften shilings yearly out of them both, close and twinter gate, after the detts be paid, to call at every Martinmas after for the said fiften shiling a yeer for evr for him, his hers & executors, or else to have, if he be not wiling to take it yearly as abovsaid, it is my will that he shall have ten pounds for the good will of it in three years time, and to pay half the rent yeerly, as the premises amounts, to the lord of the soyle. To my brother Anthony Thompson[1] the head fire house with a gardin of the north sid of the saim house, with a close caled the Lease with a house theirin, and a twinter gate in the High Cow Pastor, and all the wood and boords that is within the said house belonging to the same. To my sister Elezebeth Thompson the midell roume of the said fire house during hir life, with a gardin of the son sid of the said house, and twenty shilings at the end and tearm of 4 years after the dets be paid, and if that the said Thomas Thompson be willing to pay the abovsaid twenty shiling, he is to have the said roume and gardin after hir desease, or else the abovesaid Anthony Thompson is to pay the said twenty shilings and to enjoy the said roume and gardin peasably without any molestation. The houshold stuf shalbe devided betwixt Anthony Thompson and Elezebeth Thompson. My brother Thomas shall not call for any benifets till all the debts and legases be paid. Sealed before wittnesses.

[Mark & small wax seal]

[Endorsed] Wittnes George Bett, Christopher X Bowman, Bartholemew X Thwaites

[95] Richard Metcalfe of Hardraw

The fourtenth day of Aprill in the sixtenth year of the reigne of Charles the Second and in the year of our Lord God on thousand six hundred sixty five, I Richard Metcalfe of Hardrow within the forrest of Wensedaill and on the northsid of the Rever Ure, yeoman, being sick and craisey in body. To be buried with [*sic*] the Church of Askrig or else where my frends shall seeme meet and convenient. I give to my

[1] Both Anthony and Thomas Thompson were tailors in Sedbusk. Soon after this time they were active mortgagees and purchasers of land in the hamlet.

son Thomas Metcalf all that my house with the purtnances belonging to the said fir [*sic*] house & garth and all the groundes which I have in lease, being parciells of the landes of Sir John Lowther, Knight & Baronett, these landes being on west [altered from east] side of Hardrow Bridg. I give to my son Thomas Metcalf all the husbandry gear and thirty bordes and fowr bedds and on table. I give to my wife Penelope Metcalfe and my daughter Ann Metcalf the lease of the parcell of groundes lying and being of the east side of Hardrow Bridge, and all the rest of my housold stuf to be devided equally amongst them my son Thomas Metcalf, my wife Penelopy and my daughter An Metcalf. I give to my sonn Thomas Metcalfe on house containing two roumes standing in Setbusk. Likwise I give my son Thomas, my wife Penolepey and my daughter Ann all the bills and bonds with all the rest of the housold stuf equaly to be divided amongst them, and I mak my sonn Thomas Metcalf my execatrix. [Mark & seal]

[Overleaf] In the presentes of us: Penolepey X Metcalf, Edward Metcalf, George Bett [The will is in his hand]

Item it is my mind that my son Thomas Metcalf shall pay to his mother Penolepy five shillings every quartter during hir naturall life [This codicil is neither signed nor witnessed]

[Probate 30 March 1667]

The fourth day of Februarij in the nintenth year of Charles the Second, on thousand six hundred sixty six [i.e., 1666/7]. Praisment made of the goods and chattell of Richard Mettcalf of Hardrow, lattly deceased, by us whose names under written:
his aparell and purs £3 : 6 : 8. bedsteades, cubbarts, tables, chistes and woodn vessell and dishbink, chaires, stooles and formes, with som boordes and other woodn implmentes and husbandry gear £2 : 10 : –. bedding, quishinges, woll and stokinges £2. puder, brass and iron £1. befe and baken, cheese and meall, with som other vittles £1 : 10 : –. hay and corn £9. 67 sheep £13. 22 beasts £24 : 10 : –. two horses and a mear £6. Totalis £62 : 16 : 8.

Richard X Scarr, William X Metcalf, James Metcalfe, George Bett

[The inventory is in his hand]

[At foot, note of exhibition of the inventory on 30 March 1667 before Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

[On p. 3 of the folded sheet] Debtes owing to the said Richard Metcalf deceased:
James Kolling of Arklgarthdaill[1] with som mor of his neighbours £3. Richard Scar of Burtersett £1 : 19 : –. John Broaksbank £2 : 2 : –. John Stockdaill 17/6. Ouzwald Routh of Gaill £2 : 2 : –. John Robbinson of Gaill £3 : 16 : –. Elezebeth Jackson 12/-. Christopher Routh of Haws 16/6. Bartholemew Metcalf of Appersett £1 : 19 : –. Thomas Routh 17/6. John Whalley 17/6. John Harison and his sister

[1] The modern spelling is Arkengarthdale but the stream is still called Arkle Beck and the village Arkle Town. In 1199 it was called Arkillesgarth, 'Arnkell's enclosure'.

18/-. James Metcalf of Mosdaill £2 : 5 : –. Parsevell Hillary 10/-. Edmond Metcalf 7/-. Phillip Allan of Newhouses 18/10. Thomas Thornton of Hardrow £1 : 7 : 6. Grace Nicklson 9/-. Thomas Allderson £1 : 13 : –. Grace Raw 7/-. Mistris Kittchen 5/-. Thomas Nicklson of Simondston £1 : 4 : –. Simond Thwait £2. John Reapper 17/-. Parsevell Dan 6/-. £32 : 6 : 4.

Debts owing by the said Richard Metcalf deceased:
Sir John Lowther £5. Walter Skiring £4 : 5 : –. William Burray £1 : 18 : –. James Parking £2 : 2 : –. Richard Kaygill 14/-. £13 : 19 : –.

[The lists of debtors & creditors are not signed by the appraisers]

Bond 30 March 1666 [but should obviously be 1667] by Thomas X Metcalfe of Hardrow, yeoman, & George Bett of Setbusk, yeoman. £200. For Thomas Metcalfe to keep the will of Richard Metcalfe, his late father, late of Hardrow.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Will: Drummond

[96] John Blades of Shaw Cote

[He was the grandson and chief beneficiary of John Blades of East Lunds, whose will is No. 80. When that will was made and proved, the grandson was still a minor]

[Nuncupative] February the 26, 1666[/7] Memorandum that John Blaides late of Shaw-Coate in Wensley-dale within the chappelry of Askrigg and parish of Aisgarth, deceased, on or about the twelfth day of February instant, beinge of sound and perfect miend and disposeinge memory did (*animo testandi*) declare his last will and testament nuncupatively in the words followinge, or words to the like effect, vizt: I doe give all my estate, personall and reall, to my mother Anne Blaides.

Wit: Raynold Dinsdale [The will appears to be in his hand], Anne Blaides [This is not her signature—elsewhere she makes a mark—and appears to have been written for her by Dinsdale], Edward Birkbeck.

[At foot is a statement in Latin, dated at Richmond 11 June 1667, to the effect that Thomas Gibson, Notary Public, had cited John Dinsdale, as one of the next of kin of the deceased, but that Dinsdale had not appeared. Probate was therefore granted to Anne Blaides, mother of the deceased. As will be seen above, the nuncupative will had made her the sole beneficiary but had not appointed an executor. It would seem from the Depositions, below, that John Dinsdale (whose relationship to the deceased is not made clear) had wished to contest the will, but evidently not to the point of himself appearing and deposing]

Bond 11 June 1667 byAnne X Blaides of Shawcoate & Edward Birkbeck of Hall House [*sic*, but should be Holehouse; see his Deposition] yeoman. £200.

For Anne Blaides to fulfil the will of John Blaides, her late son, late of Shawecoate.

[Endorsed] 27 Feb 1666[/7] *Allegatio* Annae Blaids *vid*[*uae*] *con*[*tra*]

Dinsdale. [There follows a statement, in Latin, to the effect that Ann Blades had exhibited a will (the beginning and end of which were quoted for purposes of identification) and alleged that the contents were true, that the deceased was of sound mind and had intended the document to be his last will, in the presence of trustworthy witnesses, and she asked for probate]

[The above documents are accompanied by a further set, each of which has a preamble in Latin and a statement in English. Three are by the witnesses to the will and the fourth by an independent party. All are dated 27 Feb 1666/7 except for the first]

(1) 16 April 1667. John Alexander of Shaw Coat, yeoman, aged 21, deposed that he had known Ann Blades well for ten months, John Dinsdale for three months and the deceased for the same length of time. In Dec 1666 the deceased, 'being of perfect mind and sound disposing memory', in the presence of the deponent and of Edward Birkbeck and Christopher Pratt, '*animo testandi*', declared that if he died before he was married he would give his whole estate to his mother, Ann Blades. He further said that not one of his friends or relations should ever enjoy one farthing of his estate, but his mother should have it all.

(2) 27 Feb 1666/7. Regnald Dindsdaile of Shaw Coat, yeoman, aged 26, deposed that he had known Ann Blaides well for 20 years, John Dinsdaile for 10 years and the deceased from infancy. About 12 Feb the deceased, in the presence of the deponent and of Ann Blaides, being asked by the deponent whom he would give his whole estate to, if he should die, the deceased nuncupatively declared his last will as per the document exhibited into Court. He made his mark.

(3) Edward Birkbeck of Holl House, yeoman, aged 24, deposed that he had known Ann Blaides well for 4 years, John Dinsdale for the same period and the deceased for 5 years. In Dec 1666 the deceased said several times, in the presence of the deponent and of Christopher Pratt and several other credible witnesses, in answer to Pratt's question, 'I do give unto my mother all my whole estate if I die without heires.'

(4) Ann Blaides of Shaw Coat, widow, aged 50, deposed that she had known both the deceased and John Dinsdale from their infancy. About 12 Feb the deceased, in the presence of the deponent and of Regnald Dindsdale, declared his last will by word of mouth, as in the will now exhibited. To the deponent's certain knowledge he continued 'all that tyme as before in perfect minde and memorie.'

Endorsed on the Depositions is a (Latin) Citation dated 27 Feb 1666/7, addressed to John Dinsdale of Brockell Coate as one of the next of kin of John Blaides, to appear and show cause why administration of the goods of the deceased should not be granted to Ann Blades. The document was issued at Richmond, bears the seal of the Archdeaconry and is signed by both Sir Joseph Cradock, the Commissary, and Tristram Drummond, Notary Public. At the foot is a certificate

by the Rev William Colden, Curate of Askrigg, that '*vestrum venerabile mandatum*' was executed in the Chapel of Askrigg on 24 Feb 1666/7. Finally on 11 June 1667 (as noted at the foot of the will) Sir Joseph Cradock set out a summary of the facts, in Latin, with a statement of the non-appearance of the objector, John Dinsdale, in spite of a notice affixed to the church door at Askrigg. Cradock ruled that John Blades had been of sound mind and memory when he made his nuncupative will, which had been properly made. He therefore granted admon to Ann Blades, mother of the deceased, by '*hoc nostrum finale decretum quod fecimus et promulgemus in his scriptis.*'] [A brief Latin summary of the above is given in the Act Book]

The 23 day of February 1666[/7] An Inventory of John Blades of Shaw Coote in Wensladaile, viewed and prized by us viz Barnard Smith,[1] Edward Pratt, Cuthbert Winne and Edward Birkbecke: his purse and apparell £6. one bed of close £1. in househould stuffe with other implm[ents] £1 : 10 : –. in bookes 10/-. one pickaxe, a hammer & beast bandes 2/-. one firelocke & a pistoll 6/8. thre bed steads & a counter & craddle £1 : 1 : 6. one cuppboard and chest & milke spenc £1 : 10 : –. two tables & one dishbinke 6/8. a chese presse & a hose presse & two boards 3/-. two chayres & a wheele [i.e., a spinning wheel] & a basson 2/-. one bay mare, saddle & bridle £2 : 10 : –. in billes and bonds £96 : 10 : –. two parcelles off ground on the south side off Yoore, per annum worth £4. in ground upon the north side of Yoore, by lease from Sir John Lowther, at the yearly vallue off £14, paying yerely to the afforsaid Sir John Lowther the some of £3 : 12 : 3.

Summ £129 : 11 : 10.

Debts owinge by the deceased:
to Christopher Pratt £5. to James Metcalfe £4 : 16 : –. to Jefferaye Pratt £1. to Christopher Pratt £1 : 12 : 4. Item for funerall expences £10 : 4 : 11. Summ £22 : 13 : 3.
Remaininge *de claro* £106 : 18 : 7.

Barnard X Smith,[1] Edward Pratt, Cuthbart Winne, Edward Birkbeck.

[97] Abraham Blyth of Helm

[16 Aug 1667 [Latin] Citation by Sir Joseph Cradock to Elizabeth Blyth, widow & relict of Abraham Blyth, late of Helme in the parish of Aisgarth. Signed by Tristram Drummond, Registrar. [At foot] '*Executum est hoc vestrum mandatum in capella nostra de* Askrige, *decimo octavo die Augustj* 67 *per me* Gulielmum Colden, *Curatum.*'] [Latin statement that on Wednesday, 21 Aug 1667, Richard Blyth, natural & lawful son of Abraham Blyth, late of the parish of Aisgarth, deceased, appeared personally at Richmond before Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, and lodged a monition against Elizabeth Blyth. The Court ruled that admon to Richard Blyth '*concedi non debeat*']

[This decision is recorded in the Act Book]

Bond 21 Aug 1667 by Elizabeth X Blith of Helme, widow, Peter X

[1] Bernard Smith's will is No. 110.

Watson of Skelgill, yeoman, & Matthew Blith [signed Blyth] of Helme, yeoman. £100.

For Elizabeth Blythe to administer the goods &c of Abraham Blith, her late husband, late of Helme. Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Wil Drummond.

A declaracon of the Accompt of Elizabeth Blyth, Administatrix of Abraham Blyth, late of Helme of the Chappelry of Askrigg.

Imprimis this Accomptant chargeth her selfe with an Inventory[1] amountinge to £48 : 18 : 11, out of which this Accomptant craveth allowance for the severall summes by her disbursed: for the funerall expences of the said deceased, paid in severall small summes under 40d a peece £3. for the charges of the administracon and other incident charges in comeinge and goeinge to take the same £1 : 5 : –. paid by this Accomptant to Edmond Blyth for a debt owne him by the deceased £3. paid by this Accomptant to the two daughters of the deceased for their childs parts of deceaseds estate £26 : 13 : 4. This Accomptant craveth allowance for her charges in draweinge and passinge this accompt and decree and testimonialls thereupon £1 : 10 : –. £35 : 8 : 4.

So it appeares by this accompt that there is remaineinge in this Accomptants hand the summe thirteen pounds ten shillings and seaven pence, which she humbly conceives to bee due to her as widdow and relict of the deceased.

[Endorsed in Latin by William Drummond, Notary Public, that the Account had been exhibited at Richmond on 19 July 1672[2] before the Rev Richard Godsalve]

[98] Christopher Routh of Hardraw

The eleaventh day of February 1667[3] according to the computation of the Church of England, I Christopher Routh of Hardraw in Wensleidaile, yeoman. To be buried in Christian buriall at the discretion of my executor hereafter nominated. I give unto my wife Elizabeth all my houses, leases and lands, with halfe of my houshold stuff, for ever, she giveing in a true account to my executor of the money and ware I have in my shopp. I give unto John Routh of Burtersett, my nephew, eighteen pound. I give unto Jane and Alice Routh, my neces, fourty pounds. I give unto Margrett Routh of Hawes, spinster, ten shillings. I give unto Jane Routh of Hawes, spinster, five shillings. I give unto Will Metcalfes two children of Gaile, George and Elizabeth, twenty shillings. I give unto Anne Metcalfe, Francis Metcalfe daughter of Mosedaile, ten shillings. I give unto Oswald Routh, my brother, all my bills, bonds, debtes, debte bookes and goods, with all my husbandry geere and halfe of my houshold stuff, upon this condition, that he shall pay all my debts and legaces, makeing him sole executor.

[Signed; distinctive seal]

Wit: Will X Heblethwaite, Jo: Watsonn

[1] No inventory is now extant.
[2] Apparently it took the widow five years to present her account.
[3] i.e., 1667/8.

[At foot] March 4, 1667, I the late wife of Christopher Routh deceased am content with this my husbands will

Elizabeth X Routh

[Written down the left hand margin, but neither signed nor witnessed]

Item it is my will that if any suit arise betwixt Alice Dinsdaile and my wife concerneing the houses and the parcell of land lying in Symondstone, that my executor shall bear halfe of the charges. Item I do order and appoint Oswald Routh of Appersett and Oswald Routh of Hawes to be tutors for John Routh, Jane Routh & Alice Routh, to dispose and order there legaces till they come to the age of one and twenty years, as they shall thinke most convenient for them. [Endorsed, in Latin] At Richmond, Saturday 14 March 1667[/8] before Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, this will was proved, and admon of the goods of the deceased, together with sole tuition of the persons and portions of John, Jane & Alice Routh, natural & lawful children of Oswald Routh, brother of the deceased, was granted to the said Oswald Routh. An inventory was exhibited in the sum of £186 : 7 : 7, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

A true Inventorie of Christopher Routh of Hardraw, prised by ['James' deleted] Augustine Metcalfe, Ninian Metcalfe, Will Heblethwaite, Oswald Routh, the second day of March 1667[/8]: his purse & apparell £8. brass, peuther and iron vessell £2. one milk spence, one dishooke and all wooden vessell £2. a cubboard, chists, tables, chaires, formes, stooles and one hose press, with some loose boards £3. bedstocks and beding with quishons £3. stockens and wool with some other smale things in the shopp £8. beefe, meal with some other vitualls £1. carts, wheels, one stee with some loose wood in the stable and fire elden with husbandry geere £1 : 4 : –. one horse £1 : 12 : –. five kine and a calfe £8 : 2 : –. two peices of hay £2 : 6 : 8.

Debts belonging to the deceased:
Due by James Prat per bond at Mart sixty one £30. Due by George Bett per bill at Mart 1664 £1 : 10 : –. Due by Rob. Lambert ['per bill' deleted] Mart 1666 10/-. Due by Henry Metcalfe and John Metcalfe per bond Mart 1667 £1 : 17 : –. Due by Christopher ['Expopher'] Routh and Tho: Routh of Hawes per bond Mart 67 £2 : 8 : –. Due by Frances Metcalfe Mart 67 £2. Due by James Thompson £12 : 12 : –. Severall broken debts as by his booke £95 : 7 : 11½. £186 : 9 : 7½.

Funerall expences £5 : 9 : 3½. Debts owing by the deceased:
Challenged by Robart Sutton £2. Owing to James Tompson 9/4. Owing to Ellener Raw 2/-. £8 : – : 7½.

Prisers Augustine Metcalfe, Ninian X Metcalfe, Will X Heblethwaite, Oswald Routh.

[At foot] A Latin note that the Inventory was exhibited at Richmond on 14 March 1667[/8] before Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, in the sum of £186 : 9 : 7½ in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public.

Bond 14 March 1667/8 by Oswald X Rooth of Appersidd, yeoman, & John Watson of Hawes, yeoman. £300.

For Oswald Routh to keep the will of Christopher Routh, late of Hardraw. Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Christopher Tothall.

Tuition Bond [Same date, parties & witnesses, but for £100] For Oswald Rooth to pay to John, Jane & Alice Rooth, natural & lawful children of Oswald Rooth, all childs parts due by the death, will & inventory of Christopher Rooth, the uncle, late deceased, when they shall accomplish one and twenty years.

[With the papers there is a further Tuition Bond, dated 23 Dec 1676 by John X Colton of Burterside, yeoman, & Oswald Routh of Hawes, yeoman, in the sum of £120, for John Colton to pay to John, Jane & Allice Routh, natural & lawful children of Thomas [*sic*] Routh, late of Burterside, the sums due to them by the death, will & inventory of Christofor Routh, late of Hardraw, when they are 21.

Wit: Robert Jackson, Wil Drummond.

As Christopher Routh's will makes clear and the Tuition Bond of 14 March 1667/8 (above) confirms, the three were the children of Oswald and not of Thomas. There is no explanation of the 8½ year lapse of time before this later bond was executed, but possibly the children's father had died in the interim and they were not yet twenty-one]

[99] Mary Scarr of Litherskew

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that Mary Scarr, late of Litherskew in the Chapelrie of Askrigg, upon or aboute the three and twentyth day of July last past [i.e., in 1668] being then of perfect minde and sound disposeinge memorie did, *animo testandi*, nuncupatively declare her last will and minde in these or the like words in effect following vizt. she gave unto Mary Scarr her daughter one cow, one cubboard, one table, two fether beds, one bedstead where she lay, one pannell chest, one deske, two coverlidds & one of her best chaires, one greate skeele and also willed that ten shillings should be distributed to the poore out of the price of the said cow, and the remainder towards the discharge of her funerall expences. All the rest of her goods not before by her bequeathed she did give unto the sayd Mary Scarr [*iur*] and Clement Scarr her sonn, to be equally devided betwixt them, whome she made joynte executors. All which were spoken in the presence and heareing of Edmond Metcalfe [*iur*] and Margarett Todd [*iur*].

Edmond Metcalfe [*iur*], Margret X Tod

[Probate at Richmond 8 Aug 1668 to Mary Scarr, daughter of the deceased; power reserved to Clement Scarr, the other exor. An Inventory to be exhibited by 14 Nov next]

Bond 8 Aug 1668 by Mary X Scarr of Litherskew, spinster, Edmond Metcalfe of the same, yeoman, & Richard Blyth of Helme, yeoman. £100. For Mary Scarr to keep the will of Mary Scarr, her mother, late of Litherskew, and to exhibit an inventory.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public.

[No inventory appears to be extant, in spite of the above]

[100] Thomas Fawcett of Lunds

The 8th daye of Februarye 1648[/9] I Thomas Fawcett of the Lunds in Wensladayle, being sick in bodye. To be buried in the church yeard of Askrigg. I make my wife Elsabeth Fawcett my whole executor for the bringing up of my three children viz: Edward Fawcett, John Fawcett & Ellin Fawcett, soe long as she doth remaine my wife. I appoynt my brother in law Willyam Parkin [*iur*], James Dawson and my brother in law Stephen Robinson to se this my will performed, as my trust is in them, and as feffies in trust with my children, to se that they have each an equall share of the overplus, either of goods or grounds, besides their bringing up if any their doe remaine, as they shall thinke convenient at any time to be for the good of my said children. [Signed]

Wit: Richard Stephenson [*iur*]

[Admon by separate (Latin) grant at Richmond, 10 Dec 1668, to William Parkin & James Dawson to the sole use of John & Ellen Fawcett, natural & lawful children of the deceased and minors. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £32 : 16 : –.

At foot of the document is a further grant of the admon[1] of the goods of Elizabeth Fawcett, relict of Thomas Fawcett, to the said William Parkin & James Dawson, to the sole use of the above children]

The 23 day of Jully 1649, an Inventory of Thomas Fawcetts viewed and prized by fower men, Francis Howson, Thomas Clemmatt, William Perkin junior, William Gibson, as followeth:
in money £3 : 6 : –. his apparrell and a saddle 18/-. in moveable goods £2. in bed and bedding 14/-. a chist and a peck 8/-. in woodden vessell 7/-. in fire vessell 7/-. in husbandry stuffe and bookes 7/-. in chaires, stooles and boordes 4/-. in other broken ware 5/-. in ground £24. *Summa tota* £32 : 16 : –.

his funerall expences £1 : 5 : 3. in debts which he was oweing £8 : 8 : –. in all £9 : 13 : 3.

[At foot, Latin note of the exhibition of the inventory on 10 Feb 1668/9 before Thomas Cradock, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public, in the sum of £32 : 16 : –]

Bond 4 Dec 1668 by William X Parkin of Luns, yeoman, & James X Dawson of the same, yeoman. £100.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt

For both to administer the goods &c, with the will annexed, of Thomas Fawcett, late of Luns in the Chapelrie of Askerigg, deceased, according to his last will and testament to the use, benifitt and

[1] For the relative Bond, see No. 101.

behoofe of John and Ellen Fawcett, naturall and lawfull children of the sayd deceased, now in theire minortyes.

[101] Elizabeth Fawcett of Lunds

Bond 4 Dec 1668 by William X Parkin of Luns, yeoman, & James X Dawson of the same, yeoman. £100. [The relative grant appears under No. 100]

For both to administer the goods &c of Elizabeth Fawcett, late of Lunds in the Chapelrie of Askerigg, deceased, and to exhibit an inventory. [None is extant]

Wit: Jer: Haggitt [second wit's signature illegible]

[Elizabeth Fawcett had been appointed executrix of her husband's will (No. 100) in 1649; he was dead by July of that year. It is evident that she did not prove the will, although her husband's inventory was promptly taken. It was not exhibited, however, until 10 Feb 1668/9, a delay of nearly twenty years, and a full two months after admon had been granted of both her husband's will and her own goods.

Three children were mentioned in Thomas Fawcett's will, but only two in the bonds. The eldest may have died, but it seems strange to find that the younger two were still minors, nearly twenty years after the date of their father's will]

[102] Thomas [or John] Caygill of Dale Grange

[Whilst the Admon Bond calls him Thomas, the inventory (which is probably correct) has John]

March the 20th in 68 [1668/9] An Inventorie of John Caygill of Daile Grange:

his purse and apparrell £3. brasse and pewter £1 : 5 : –. one bedd and bedding £1. one table and a fourme, with chaires and stooles 6/-. two olde cupboardes and a disbinch £1 : 2 : 6. three chists and one truncke 16/4. all the wooden vessells in the house 12/-. one backstone, one reckon, tonges and coale rake 4/-. husbandry geere 5/-. one cradle, one spining wheele and some cushons 2/3. two kine and one heffer £5 : 10 : –. two stirkes and two younge calves £2 : 5 : –. three horses and their furniture £6. two younge maires £3 : 10 : 6. nyne and twenty ewes and gimmers and 15 lambes £12. foure rigelds and one ramme £1 : 6 : 8. seaven gimmers or younge ewes £2. one parcell of haye £1 : – : 4. nyne pecks of marte [*sic* but ? malte] 6/-. owne to the deceased by severall persons £27 : 1 : 5. Sum tot £69 : 13 : –.

Owne by the deceased to severall persons and his funerall expences being added theerto £31 : 1 : 6. Deduct debts and funerall expences and remaineing *de claro* £37 : 16 : 2. [£38 : 11 : 6 deleted; that figure was correct but perhaps the total for creditors did not include funeral expenses, after all]

John X Metcalfe, Peter X Caygill, Simon Metcalfe, Mathew Caygill, John Forster [The inventory is in his hand]

[At foot of p. 3 of the folded sheet is a note of the grant of admon at Richmond on 2 April 1669 to Alice Caygill, widow & relict of the deceased, with sole tuition of the persons and portions of the minor children. An inventory was exhibited in the sum of £37 : 13 : 2. This figure differs by 3/- from the net total quoted in the inventory itself—see above]

Bond 2 April 1669 by Alice X Cagill of Grainge, widow, John X Metcalfe of the same & Thomas X Watson of Askrigge, yeoman. £200. For Alice Caygill to administer the goods &c of Thomas Kaygill, late of Dale Grange.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Greg: Elsley

[There is no Tuition Bond, although the admon note (above) referred to minor children]

[103] Richard Caygill of Skellgill

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that Richard Kaygill late of Skelgill in the parish of Aisgarth upon the nynth day of Aprill last past, being then of perfect minde and sound disposeing memorie, *animo testandi*, nuncupatively declared his last will and testament in these or the like words in effect following vizt he did give unto his sonn George Caygill one close of meadow ground called Harrygill Ings, to enter upon imediatly after the death of Elsabeth his mother, and halfe the High Close and two Caygill Closes and two gates in Helme Pasture, to enter upon when he comes to the age of twenty one years. He did also give unto his sayd sonn George his new house at Skelgill for and dureing the naturall life of Elizabeth Caygill his mother, and then he did give the sayd house unto Peter Caygill his sonn, and after the death of the sayd Elizabeth he did give unto his sayd sonn George his dwelling at Skelgill for ever. He did give unto his sonn Peter one close of meadow ground called Thistle Feild, to enter upon the same when he comes to the age of twenty four years, and halfe of the Fosse Ing, halfe the Low Close with two gates in Helme Pasture, to enter upon after the death of Elizabeth his mother. He did give unto his daughter Anne thirty pounds, twenty pounds to be paid unto her at the age of twenty six years and ten pounds at the age of twenty eight years, and he did then give unto the sayd Anne his daughter house goods to the value of ten pounds. He did give unto his daughter Jane ten pounds and to his daughter Elizabeth tenn pounds. He did alsoe give unto his sonn Richard tenn pounds and the house which his grand father & grand mother now dwelle in, to enter upon imediatly after theire decease, and then to pay unto his brother Thomas the sume of five pounds out of the house when he attains to the age of twenty fower yeares. He did give unto his sayd sonn Thomas tenn pounds to be paid unto him within fower yeares. He did give unto his sonn Symon tenn pounds to be paid him by his brother George and Peter when he comes to the age of twenty six yeares. He did give unto his servant Elizabeth Warcopp one hogge, one lambe and one iron pott. It was his further will and minde that

if any of his sayd children shall happen to dye before they come to theire severall ages to receive theire porcons, then he did give the porcons of those dyeing to his surviveing children, to be equally devided amongst them. It was his further will and minde that his sayd sonn George should have and enjoy for ever one stable in Skelgill beyond the beck, he paying unto his brother Peter three pounds when he comes to the age of twenty six yeares. All which sayd severall legacies was declared by the sayd deceased in the presence & heareing of Richard Hayton [*iur*], Peter Caygill & Thomas Caygill [*iur*]

[Probate at Richmond 7 July 1669 to Elizabeth Kaygill, widow & relict of the deceased, who was to carry out the will according to the intention of the testator. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £240]

The 24th of May 1669 A trew Inventory of Richard Cagill of Skelgill in Wensladall, felmunger[1], deceased the 10th day of Aprill 1669: his purse and apparill £5. two horses and two maires £12. a mare and a foole £3 : 5 : –. two coults £3 : 5 : –. twenty ewes and lames £14. nine hoges and seaven lames £4. five stears £11. seaven cowes and a bull £16 : 7 : –. foure stirkes £4. foure calves £2. twenty five wethers £13. twenty wether hoges and 3 tuppes £10 : 10 : –. for brasse and puther £3 : 10 : –. for woodne vessell £2. for beddstockes and beddinge £8. for a cubert and prisses £1 : 3 : –. for tables and formes 15/-. for chaires and stoules and quishinges £1 : 3 : –. for chists and trunkes £1 : 15 : –. for a plough[2] and other husbandre geare £3. for carts and wheeles £1 : 10 : –. for wood and other things 13/-. for weigh backs & scailes 10/-. for lether 13/-. for a haire cloath & pack cloathes £1. two chistes & other things 8/-. one iron pott & cardes £1 : 18 : –. for paper & cottan 7/-. for wooll £23 : 8 : –. for oate meale & corne £1. for his debt booke £70. for table cloathes & towelles 6/-. two creddles 5/-. for bookes 10/-. for a smouthin iron & heaters 1/-. Matthew Blyth, Richard Hayton, Matthew Caygill, Tho: Caygill, Christopher Blaides.

[At foot a note of the exhibition of the inventory at Richmond on 7 July 1669 in the sum of £240—although the total should be £242 : 5 : –]

Bond 7 July 1669 by Eliza X Kaygill of Skelgill, widow, & George Kaygill [signed Caygell] of the same, yeoman, & Matthew Blyth of Helme, yeoman. £500.

For Elizabeth & George Kaygill to keep the will of Richard Kaygill, late of Skelgill.

Wit: Geo: Crawe, Will: Drummond

Tuition Bond [same date & witnesses] by Elizabeth X Kaygill of Skelgill, widow, & George Kaygill of the same, yeoman, & Mathew Blith of Helme, yeoman. £500.

[1] Cf. Nos. 84 and 86.
[2] There was so little arable that a plough is extremely rare in Abbotside inventories.

For Elizabeth & George Kaygill to pay to Jane, Elizabeth, Richard & Thomas Kaygill, naturall & lawfull children of Richard Kaygill, late of Skelgill, deceased, their filiall childs parts &c.

[104] Anne Metcalfe of Hardraw
[Daughter of Richard Metcalfe, whose will is No. 95]
An aprisement made by us whose names are here under written the 10th day of November [year not stated but must be 1669] of Ann[1] Metcalfe of Hardrow, late deceased:
her purse and apperell £2. a troonk 4/-. in debts due £46.
James Metcalfe, William X Heblethwate, Vincent X Bradrick, Thomas Brounrigg.
These are to certiefie that I Penelaby Metcalfe, mother of the said Anges[1] [*sic*] Metcalfe, deceased, am content that my sonn Thomas Metcalfe may administer of what as was my daughters in wittnes hereof

Penallyby X Metcalfe

Wit: James Metcalfe, William X Heblethwaite, Vincent X Braithrick, Thomas Brounrigg.
[Admon at Richmond 11 Nov 1669 to Thomas Metcalfe, brother of the deceased, by renunciation of Penalapy Metcalfe, mother of the deceased. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £48 : 4 : –]
Bond 11 Nov 1669 by Thomas X Metcalfe of Hardraw, yeoman, & Thomas Brownrigg [signed Brounrigg] of the same, gentleman. £100. For Thomas Metcalfe to administer the goods &c of Anne Metcalfe, late of Hardraw, deceased.
Wit: Will: Drummond.

[105] Richard Pratt of Holehouse
The twenty day of Ocober [*sic*] 1669 and I Richard Pratt of Hole house in Wensladaile in the pirish of Aisgarth, rough mason, being sickely in body. To be buried ine Askrigge Church or churchyard. I give to my wife Margrett the summe of ten pounds and one cowe which she shall make choise of, out of all the kine which I shall leave at my decease.[2] I give unto my said wifee [*sic*] the third of all in my house, and her widdow bed maid up at her disposeing. I give unto my son Richard and James my now dwelling house and the Est Close, with theire appurtenances. I give unto my son John the Shaw above the Skarr, he paing twenty shillings a yeare. I give unto my son Georg the summe of one shilling. I give unto son John the summe of one shilling. I give unto son James the summe of one shilling, to be paid by the said my executors. I give unto son Richard and three douters all the rest of my goods, money & cattells & housholde gods [*sic*], I making and ordaine my son Richard [*iur*] my whole & sole executors [*sic*] and doth anock all others wise, witnesseth heare of I the said Richard Pratt to this my present testament have sett my hand and seall. [Mark & seal]

[1] For the confusion of Ann and Agnes, see footnote to No. 50.
[2] His inventory shows that he left only two cows.

Wit: James X Pratt [*iur*], Jeff Pratt [*iur*]—[The will is in his hand]

[Added down the left hand margin of the will, but neither signed nor witnessed] Item I leave more unto my wife that shee have house roume with my son Richard for her life.

November the 5th 1669. A trew and perfect Inventorey of Richard Pratt, latley deceased, given in by Margrett his wife and prised by us whose names are hear under written:

his purse and his apparill 15/-. bedding & chists 13/4. beef & cheeses 6/8. one omerey & a leetle dishok 5/-. fower little panes 5/-. one puther dish, a little potinsher & a candlstick 1/4. one reacon & a pare of tenges 6d. wood vessill 6/8. one table, one chaire & one bed, with litle bords & tow stooles & a wheele 5/-. husbandry gear & fire eldin 3/4. one gallaway mayre 10/-. one kow £1 : 13 : 4. one little stack of hay £1. one other little kow £1 : 13 : –. The sum in all £7 : 18 : 2.

Margrett X Pratt

The prizers heereof: Edward Pratt, Jeffray Pratt, James X Pratt, Tho: Smith.

[At foot: note of the exhibition of the inventory at Richmond on 20 Nov 1669 before the Commissary, in the sum of £7 : 18 : 2, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

Bond 20 Nov 1669 by Richard X Pratt of Holehouse, yeoman, & James X Pratt of the same, yeoman. £20.

For Richard Pratt to keep the will of Richard Pratt, late of Holehouse, deceased.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Will: Drummond

Grant of Probate at Richmond, 20 Nov 1669, before Thomas Cradock, Esq., substitute of Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, to Richard Pratt, son of the deceased, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public.

[106] Michael Denison of Lunds

A true & perffect Inventorye of Michaell Dennison of the Lundes in Wensladale in the parish of Eskarth, prized by foure men vizt Willyam Denison, James Dawson, Willyam Gibson, Richard Stephenson, the sixteenth daye of February 1669[/70] as followeth:

Imprimis his purse & apparrell £1 : 18 : 6. Item bedstockes & beddinge £2 : 6 : 8. brasse & puther £1 : 11 : 6. wooden vessell 10/6. an almarye & chists £1 : 1 : –. a table, chayres & stooles 5/6. a reckon, girdle, branderoth, a speete & other fire vessell 8/6. husbandrye geare 13/4. nyne kine & whyes at the vallue of six shillinges eightpence apeece, one with a nother £21 [Obviously the price per head should be £2 : 6 : 8] six other young beastes £7 : 6 : 8. fortye nyne ewes & tupps £18. thirtye hoggs £10. a horse £2 : 13 : 4. a mare & a foale £2 : 6 : 8. haye £5 : 6 : 8. one lease under Sir John Lowther, Barr £10. [This last item has been added in a different hand and the total amended] *Summa total* £85 : 8 : 10.

Debts owinge by the deceased abovesaide:

Imprimis to George Blaydes, due at Martinmas next £21 : 14 : –. Item to Willyam Gibson, due then £10 : 12 : –. to Willyam Perkin, due then £8 : 9 : 8. to Mabell Gibson £2 : 2 : 4. to Arthur Regnoldson £8 : 9 : 8. Sir John Lowther £4 : 10 : –. to John Winn £3. to Robertt Dawson 16/8. to Thomas Moore £1 : 8 : –. to Robertt Maskerelt 9/6. to John Regnoldson 11/6. to Willyam Fawcett 3/4. to Christopher Gawthropp 1/2. to John Perkin 1/-. to Matthew Keygill 12/-. to Willyam Gibson, pasture rent £1. to Miles Borrett & others 13/-. funerall expences £3 : 3 : 2.

Suma totall £67 : 7 : –.

Willyam X Denison, James Dawson [The inventory is in his hand], Willm Gibson, Richard Stephenson

[Endorsed at Richmond 26 Feb 1669[/70] with admon to Anne Denison, daughter of the deceased, and with exhibition of an inventory in the sum of £85 : 8 : 10]

Bond 25 Feb 1669/70 by Anne X Denison of Luns, spinster, & John X Clarkson of Askrigg, yeoman. £100.

For Anne Denison to administer the goods &c of Michael Denison, her father, late of Luns.

Wit: Tris: Drummond, Jer: Haggitt

A declaracon of the Accompt of Anne Wetherelt, alias Dennison, the wife of John Wetherelt, Administatrix of the goods of Michaell Dennison, late of Lunds in Wensleydale. *Imprimis* this Accomptant chargeth her selfe with the goods of the deceased comprized in an inventory exhibited into and remaineinge in the Registry of this Court, amounting to £85 : 8 : 10. Out of which this Accomptant craveth allowance for the severall summes of money by her paid for the funerall expences, debts, and for the Administracon (and this Accompt thereupon) of all the goods of the deceased as followeth. *Imprimis* for the funerall expences £3 : 3 : 2. Item for the charges of the administracon takeinge of the goods of the deceased and other incident charges £1 : 6 : 8. to George Blaydes for a debt due to him £21 : 4 : –. to William Gibson for a debt due to him £10 : 12 : –. to William Parkin for a debt due to him £8 : 9 : 8. to Sir William [*sic*, but the inventory has John] Lowther for a debt due to him £4 : 10 : –. to John Winne £3. paid severall small debts that was owinge by the deceased at his death under forty shillings, amounting in all to the summe of £5 : 13 : 2. This Accomptant craveth allowance for his [*sic*] charges in passinge this accompt and testimonialls thereupon £1 : 5 : –. £59 : 13 : 8. Soe theire remaines in this Accomptants hands the summe of twenty five pounds fifeteen shillings and two pence, which she humbly prayes may bee allotted and distributed, this Accomptant beeinge the onely daughter and child of the deceased. [On p. 3 of the folded sheet: a note of the exhibition of the Account at Richmond on 19 July 1672 before the Rev Richard Godsalve, substitute, and in the presence of William Drummond, Notary Public]

[107] George Wilson of Lunds

The 19 day of February 1669[/70] I George Willson, sicke in body. First I give and bequeath my soule to God my Creator and Redeemer and my body to the ground. I give to my sonn Robert Wilson five shillings. I give to my daughter Jane twenty shillings. I give to my three children vizt John, Allice & Jane all the rest of my goodes and all the debtes oewing unto me whatsoever, makeing them joynt executors. [Mark]

Wit: Robert X Willson, Willm Gibson

[Probate 2 March 1669/70 to John Wilson, son of the deceased and one of the exors named in the will; power reserved to Alice & Jane, daughters of the deceased & co-exors. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £57 : 1 : –]

A true & perffectt Inventorye of George Wilson of the Lundes in Wensladale in the parish of Eskarth, viewed & apprized the last daye of February 1669[/70] by foure men vizt James Dawson, George Blaydes, Willyam Gibson & Richard Stephenson:
his purse and apparrell £1 : 13 : 4. bedstockes & bedding £2 : 10 : –. brasse & puther £2 : 1 : 6. girdle, branderoth, reckon, speet, tonges & other thinges 8/6. woodden vessell £1 : 6 : 8. a table, chayres & stooles 6/8. chests & boordes 11/-. stockinges £1 : 19 : –. wheele & cardes 3/-. meale, butter, cheese & beeffe £1 : 3 : 4. husbandry geare 13/4. seaven kyne & whyes £17 : 10 : –. six young beastes £8. five calves £2 : 13 : 4. a horse & a mare £6 : 13 : 4. haye £2.

Debts owing to the deceased: by Thomas Cowthatt 10/-. by Edward Berkbecke 18/-. by his son, John Wilson £6. *Summa* totall £57 : 1 : –.

Debts owing by the said deceased: funerall expences £1 : 10 : –. to Christopher Metcalfe or his wiffe £19. to Michaell Blenkarne £2 : 17 : 6. to James Braythawait £2 : 10 : –. to Thomas Borrett £2. to Anthony Swithunbancke £1 : 10 : –. to Christopher Metcalfe £1 : 5 : –. to Thomas Keygill 10/9. to John Metcalfe 9/-. to Thomas Whorton 18/-. to Willyam Gibson £3 : 10 : –. to Willyam Hunter 6/-. to John Fawcett 1/10. to Richard Stephenson 9d. Summ totall £37 : 8 : 10.

James X Dawson, George X Blaydes, Willm Gibson, Richard Stephenson.

[Added at the top of the next page, in a different hand] to Willyam Gibson £1. [The total given above is correct, including the £1]

[At foot, a note of the exhibition of the inventory at Richmond on 2 March 1669[/70] before the Rev Richard Godsalve, Surrogate, in the sum of £57 : 1 : –, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public]

Bond 2 March 1669[/70] by John X Wilson of Lunns, yeoman, & William Gibson of the same, yeoman. £100.

For John Gibson [*sic*, but an obvious error for Wilson] to keep the will of George Wilson, his father, late of Lunns.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Greg: Elsley.

[108] William Denison of Lunds

The twentie seaventh daye of March 1670 I Willyam Denison of the Lundes in Wensladale in the parish of Esgarth, husbandman, being sicke in bodye. To be buried in Christian buriall at the discretion of my executrix. I give unto Thomas Denison, my brothers sonn, twentie shillinges. I give unto Thomas Hayton, my sisters sonn, twentie shillinges. I give unto John Hayton his brother twentie shillinges. I give unto my sister Issabell Hayton, if she be living at my decease, twentie shillinges. I give unto my grandchild Willyam Denison fortye shillinges & all my shapen apparrell. It is my will that all these legasies be paide at Martinmas come a twelvemonth after my decease. I give all my houses, leases, lands & tenement & goodes whatsoever unto my wife Margarett Denison to dispose of at her pleasure, and I make her whole executrix.

[Mark & distinctive wax seal]

Wit: Reynold Winn, Willm Gibson, Richard Stephenson

[Probate 11 June 1670]

An Inventorye of Willyam Dennison of the Lundes in Wensladale in the parish of Esgarth, apprized the nynteenth daye of Aprill 1670 by foure men vizt Regnold Winn, James Dawson, Willyam Gibson and Richard Stephenson:

his purse & apparrell £2 : 6 : 8. bedstockes & beding £1 : 6 : 8. brasse fire vessell 13/4. wooden vessell 15/-. earthen vessell 1/6. a dishbincke & almaryes £1 : 1 : –. a chist, a coffer & an arke 10/-. girdle & branderoth, reckon, tonges 3/4. a table, chayres & stooles 5/6. husbandry geare 14/6. foure kine £9. two calves 13/4. 14 ewes & lambs & 4 geld sheep £7 : 4 : –. three mares £2 : 5 : –. *Summa* totall £26 : 19 : 10.

Debtes owinge by the deceased abovesaide: to John Winn £10 : 16 : –. to Katherine Dawson £4 : 2 : –. to Regnold Winn £2 : 11 : –. to Thomas Moore £1 : 1 : –. to Mabell Gibson £1 : – : 6. to Arthur Regnoldson 16/-. to James Willan 9/6. to Christopher Moore 5/-. funerall expenses £1 : 6 : 6. *Summa* totall £22 : 7 : 6.

Reynold Winn, James Dawson [the inventory is in his hand], Willm Gibson, Richard Stephenson.

[At foot, a note of the exhibition of the inventory at Richmond on 11 June 1670 before Thomas Cradock, Esq., substitute, in the sum of £26 : 19 : 10, in the presence of Jer: Haggitt, Deputy Registrar]

Bond 11 June 1670 by Margaret X Dennison of Lunds, widow, & Roger Stephenson of Lunds, gentleman. £50.

For Margaret Dennison to keep the will of William Dennison, late of Lunds in the parish of Aisgarth.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Deputy Registrar

[109] Robert Winn of Brockhill Cote

[Nuncupative] Memorandum that Robert Wynn late of Brockell Coate in Wenslaidale, did in or aboute the one and twenty daye of

January 1670[/71] make and declare his last will. He gave unto his wife Ann Wynn and his son Robert Wynn all his goods. Item I appointe my wife Ann the use of my son Robert portion till he cum to eighteene yeares of age. I appointe Christopher Blaides and Aygustine Tennant to be fefesse in trust for my son Robert of his saide last will in the presence of Thomas X Metcalf, Robert X Wynn, Christopher Blaides [The will is in his hand]

[on p. 3 of the folded sheet: Probate 30 Jan 1670/71 to Anne Winne, widow & relict of the deceased, and sole tuition to her of Robert Winne, son of the deceased. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £32 : 15 : 5. In spite of this grant, the two bonds (below) show that admon of the goods and tuition of the son were granted to the widow and to the two trustees whom her husband had appointed]

A true Inventory of Robert Winn of Brockell Coat, deceased, the 23th day of January 1670[/71]

his purse and his apparill £2. a bed & beding 14/-. for bras & puther £1. for wooden vessell 12/-. for foure chists 14/-. for chairs & stouls 4/-. 2 tables & other wood 7/-. one wheele & cards 1/3. for carts & wheels, for other husbandry geare £1. for coales & turfe 2/6. for stockins 3/-. for potts & glases 1/-. thre cowes £6. two cowes £3. two stears & one heffer £3 : 10 : –. two calves £1. two maires & one gelding £6. one stack of hay £3. a lease in beinge £3 : 6 : 8 [This item was added as an afterthought, the total being amended to include its value] Sume £32 : 15 : 5.

Matthew Blyth, Antoni Pratt, Augustine X Tennant, Christopher Blaides [The inventory is in his hand]

[At foot, a note of the exhibition of the inventory at Richmond on 30 Jan 1670/71]

Bond 30 Jan 1670/71 by Christopher Blaides [signed Chris Blaids] of Brockhall Coate, yeoman, Augustin X Tennant of Thornton Rust, yeoman, & Ann Winn of Brockhall Coate, widow. £60.

For all three to administer the goods of Robert Winn, late of Brockhall Coate.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Wil: Drummond

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses] For all three to pay to Robert Winn, natural & lawful son of Robert Winn, his filial childs parts &c.

[110] Bernard Smith of Camshouse

[The will is written on two sheets of paper, stitched together across the middle with fine string; the whole measures 30½ in. by 12 in.]

[Bernard Smith was a man of some local importance, signalised by his appointment in 1665 as Chief Constable of the wapentake of Hang West. He had married Grace, widow of George Thwaites of Camshouse (see No. 64) who was the lessee of the Camshouse estate, which Bernard Smith bought from Sir Robert Bindloss, Thwaites's lessor, for £1,125 in 1652.

He was summoned at the North Riding Quarter Sessions in 1669 for arrears of maintenance due to Elizabeth Smith, 'they formerly living together as man & wife', and to the Churchwardens of Askrigg for a child of his which they were maintaining.

Smith seems to have been illiterate, for he always made a mark, and as will be seen below, he described himself in his will as a yeoman, although the two sons who joined in the bonds were called gentlemen. The mother of the youngest child, at least, cannot have been Grace, for her eldest son by George Thwaites was born before 1614, and Bernard Smith left one son who was under 17, implying that he was born after 1655]

The fift day of September 1672 I Barnard Smith of Camshous alias Cannonshouse in the parish of Aisgarth, yeoman, being sicke and weake in body. My body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buryed in such decent & Christian manner as to my executor hearafter named shall be thought meet & convenient. And as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy haith lent, my will & meaning is the same shall be imployed & bestowed as hearafter by this my will is expressed. I give unto Alexander Smith my second son fouer drawn bease[1] & two undraw bease which is now in Bainsbridg Pasture, and all those sheep now coming two yeares ould, & all those lambs now comin one yeare ould, & the one halfe of twenty kine & the one halfe of twenty calves, to be equally devided by him & whom as I doe bequeath the other halfe unto, hearafter mentioned, & likewise I give unto him one gray mare called Long Legs & the filly which was bred under her, & one bay maire which is called Thick Knee & the stond hors coming three years ould & one halfe of the maire under which he was bred. I give unto Thomas Smith my eldest sone the other halfe of the said maire & the foall which was last bred under her, & one gray mare called Blacklock. I give unto Augustin Metcalfe my son in law one white maire called Mad Brains & the coult which was bred under her now coming two years ould. I give unto Parcivell Calvert my son in law one bay maire with a switch taill called Sander Maire. I further give unto Thomas my eldest sone one paire of iron bound wheeles which is belonging to the dragg. I further give unto him all the wood which is loose in the house whearin I now live & the barne or any other place belonging unto me. I give unto Barnard Smith, the son of Thomas Smith my son, those 2 closes called Ingleby Lease which is now in the possestion of Thomas Atkinson & the said Thomas Smith his father, to enter upon them for the use of him after my decease, but if the said Barnard dye without issue lawfully begotton of his body, then the said two closes to redone unto the heaire of me, the said Barnard Smith, at Cams-

[1] Camshouse, which was one of the few 'mansion houses' in Abbotside, was also one of the few with a Corn Close. The possession of draught beasts implies more arable land than was usual in the area, and any mention of corn as a crop is exceptional. The quantity of live-stock listed in the inventory (13 horses, 85 cattle and 400 sheep) is much the largest in Abbotside during this period, and provides further evidence of Bernard Smith's status.

hous. I give unto Alexander one close called Pratt Hound Keld Inge & to pay unto Margratt Calvertt, the daughter of Parcivell Calvert of Bainsbridg, the sum of twenty pounds out of the said close, if she live unto she accomplish the age of fifteen yeares, & to pay yearely duering that tearm tenn shillinges towards her bringing up, but if she dye before she accomplish the age aforesaid, then the [*sic*] Alexander to be freed from the payment of the said twenty poundes and the tenn shilling yearely. I give unto Ann Metcalfe, the daughter of Richard Metcalfe of Apersett the sum of [fifteen deleted] sixteen pounds thirteen shillings 4d, to be paid unto her by Thomas Smith, my eldest sone, being part of the reares of rent due unto me before the dait of these presents, if she live untill she accomplish the age of sixteen yeares, & untill she accomplish that age to pay thirteen shillings in full of consideration yearly towards her bringing up, but if she dye before sixteen yeares, he to be freed from the payment of the said [fifty deleted] sixteen pounds thirteen shillings 4d or consideration. I give unto Margratt Calvertt & Issabell Metcalfe, my daughters, all my houshould stuff excepting one cubbard, being the better, which standes in the house whearin I now live, which I give unto Ann Metcalfe, the daughter of Richard Metcalfe of Apersett, & excepting all the bed stockes belonging me, which I give unto Alexander, my second son, & I further I give unto Alexander one close of ground called Kettlewell Close, the estaite thereof being in the name of John Smith, my third son, but if he, the said John, doe refusse to make unto the said Alexander or his heires a good & perfect estate of the said close & all the premisses therunto belonging, when he shall com to the full age of twenty & one yeares, then I order the said John Smith, my third sone, to pay unto Alexander Smith, my second sone, the sum of one hundred pounds. My will is that my executor pay unto Parcivell Calvert, my sone in law, the sum of one hundred [pounds deleted] and twenty pounds, or otherwise make unto him a good & suer estate of all those three closes called Parrack Leasses, now in the possestion of hime the said Parcivell Calvertt, with one cattell gait in Bainsbridg Pasture & one cattell gaite in Bainsbridg Out Sid, under the yearly rent of eight shillinges. I give unto Augustin Metcalfe, my son in law, the sum of one hundred & tenn pounds, to be paid him at or befor Martinmas next. Likewise my will is that Thomas Smith, my eldest sone, shall pay unto John Smith, my third, the sixty pounds which he is to pay unto him by the deed in trust, not before two yeares be expired after my decease. I give unto John Smith, my third sone, all my goods & chatles what soever, excepting thos before bequeathed, the said John paying all my debtes & legesses & funerall expences. My will is that all the hay shall be reserved for keeping the goods togither this next winter & that the goods shall not be devided before the next spring, & then Alexander, my second sone, to have them which is bequeathed unto him & John Smith, my third sone, to have the rest as afore bequeathed, & my two sons Alexander & John shall have all the corne[1] betwixt

[1] See footnote [1], page 98.

them. I desire & order my brother in law, Mr John Lambert of Askrigg, & my sons in law, Parcivell Calvertt of Bainsbridg, Richard Metcalfe of Apersett & Augustin Metcalfe of Sedbuske, to be supervizers of this my last will, & to be assistant to my executor now in his minoraty, & to make the best advantage of any thing which belongs him for his use till he com to the full age of seaventeen yeares, & these my supervizers to have sufficent charges allowed them for any bussenes they goe about consaring [*sic*] my said executour, & lastly I doe ordaine & make John Smith, my third son, my wholl & sooll executor. Further I doe give unto Ann Metcalfe, the daughter of Richard Metcalfe of Apersett, the sum of thirty thre pounds six shillinges eight pence to be paid unto her by my two sons Alexander & John Smith, equally betwixt them, when she shall accomplish the age of sixteen yeares, & to pay yearly till she accomplish the age afore said the sum of one pounds six shillinges eight pence, but if she shall dye before sixteen yeares then the said Alexander & John Smith to be freed from the payment of the said sum of thirty three pounds six shilling eight pence & the yearly payment of one pounds six shillinges eight penc.

[Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Thomas X Blacklock, Will Thornton, Michaell Metcalfe

[At foot] Memarandum that all those words which is enterlined in the other sheett which is sixteen & thirteen & thirteen shillinges was enterlined before the ensealling hearof & thos words in this sheet which is to be paid him at or before Martinmas next was enterlined before the ensealling hearof in the presentes of us

Thomas X Blacklock, Michaell Metcalfe [*Jur*], Will: Thornton

[Admon at Askrigg on 9 Sept 1672 to Thomas & Alexander Smith, natural children of the deceased, with will annexed, to the sole use of John, son & executor named in the will, together with care of the person & portion of the said John, a minor. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £1000 : 4 : – —this is incorrect; see Inventory, below]

A true [praisment deleted] & perfect Inventory of Barnard Smith of Camshous otherwise Cannons-hous, widdower deceased, prized at Camshous otherwise Cannonshous aforesaid the 10th day of September 1672 by Willyam Thornton of Askrigg, Oswold Routh of Appersett, Edward Metcalfe & Alexander Metcalfe both of Settbuske: his purs & apparill £20. houshould stuff & implementes of houshould stuff £20. husbandry geare & wood which lyes loose £2. a percell of wooll £40. 12 horses & maires, young & old £18. 1 stoned coult 2 years old £3. 400 & som odd sheepe, being wethers, ewes & lambs £70. 11 young steares £25 : 13 : 4. 20 kine £33 : 6 : 8. 20 calves £10. 6 draught bease[1] £20. 10 steares gon two years old £15. 13 young heffers & steares £17 : 6 : 8. 5 stirkes £5. hay standing on the ground £40.

Debtes oweing to the deceased, as apeares by specialty & otherwise £491 : 18 : –. Totall is £831 : 4 : 8.

[1] See footnote [1], page 98.

Debtes despratt oweing to the deceased £173 : 19 : 8.

Debtes owing by the deceased: his finerall expences £24. to James Thompson of Cubeck £8 : 10 : –. to his servants £6 : 13 : 4. Totall is £39 : 3 : 4.

Will: Thornton, Oswold X Routh, Edward X Metcalfe, Alexr. Metcalff

[At foot, a note of the exhibition of the inventory on 9 Sept 1672 in the sum of £1005 : 5 : 4 (which is 1/- more than the true figure) in the presence of William Drummond, Notary Public]

Bond 11 Sept 1672 by Thomas Smith of Camshouse, gentleman, & Allexander [signed Alex:] Smith of the same, gentleman. £2000. For both bondsmen to keep the will of Barnard Smith, late of Camshouse, to the use of John Smith, natural & lawful son of the said deceased. Wit: Michaell Metcalfe, Will: Thornton, Wil: Drummond. Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses]

For the administrators to pay to John Smith his filial childs parts &c when he shall be 21 or married.

[111] William Holme of Cotterdale

The Invotorij of Willim Holme of Cotterdall, deceased, taken the 22th day of Februarie 1672[/3] by us, Thomas More, George Metcalf, Wilfray More, Thomas Rude [It was not actually signed by any of them] his purse & apareel £10. his bed & bedsteads & beding £ 2: 10 : –. putr & bras & houshould stufe £4. hubandgear [*sic*] 10/-. woolle £20 : 10 : –. nine heade of cattell £13. sixe horses £8 : 10 : –. foure score schep £18. haye £1 : 10 : –. monney £21. The totall £81 : 10 : –. [The value of the separate items comes to £99 : 10 : –; it would seem that the sheep were omitted]

[Admon 25 Feb 1672/3 to Richard Holme & Edmund Holme, natural & lawful brothers of the deceased. An inventory was exhibited in the sum of £81 : 10 : –]

Bond 25 Feb 1672/3 by Richard X Holme of the County of York, yeoman, & Edmund Holme of the same, yeoman. £200.

For both bondsmen to administer the goods &c of William Holme, their brother.

Wit: Jer: Haggitt, Notary Public

[112] William Harrison of Litherskew

A praisment made of all the goods & chattles of Willyam Harrisson, lait of Litherskew in the parish of Aisgarth, yeoman, deceased, the 14th day of March 1672[/3] by James Whallay, James Mayson & Augustine Metcalfe, all of Settbuske, & James Mayson of Askrigg in the said parish of Aisgarth, yeomen:
his purse & apprill £4 [altered from £2]. husbandry geare £1. bedsteads & bedding £1. brass & puder £1. wodden vessell 10/-. chists, one table, formes & chaires 13/4. one cuberd & one disbinke [*sic*] £1 : 6 : 8. iron vessell 6/8. fouer steares £7. thre heffers & 1 bull £6.

fouer stirkes £3 : 15 : –. three kine & two young calves £7 : 6 : 8. three kine & one calfe £7 : 10 : –. [altered from £8 : 10 : –] 40 ewes £14. 43 other sheep £12. 4 horses & mares £7 : 10 : –. 2 lumps of hay £2. Sum is £76 : 18 : 4 [altered from £74 : 18 : 4]

James Whalley, James X Mayson, James Mason, Augustine Metcalfe

Debts oweing to the deceased per bonds & other ways £43 : – : 4.

Debts desprat oweing £1 : 3 : 4.

Debts oweing by the deceased to Mr John Shutt[1] £12. to James Harrissone £1. in finerall expences £2. [No total given; would be £15]

[Admon at Richmond on 26 April 1673 to Elizabeth Harrison, widow & relict. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £120 : 6 : – [which does not agree with any of the figures shown in the inventory. Goods plus debtors come to £119 : 18 : 8 or, if bad debts be included, to £121 : 2 : –] in the presence of William Drummond, Notary Public]

Bond 26 April 1673 by Elizabeth X Harrison of Litherskew, widow, Thomas Harrison of the same, yeoman, & Thomas Robinson of Nateby, yeoman. £200.

For Elizabeth Harrison to administer the goods &c of William Harrison.

Wit: Wil Drummond

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witness]

For Elizabeth Harrison to pay to Anne, Jane & Elizabeth Harrison, natural & lawful children of William Harrison, late of Litherskew, all childs parts &c.

[113] James Pratt, senior, of Skellgill

The 20th of October I James Pratt of Skelgill within the parish of Askrigge, yeoman, being sicke & weake of body. My body to be decently buried in the parish church or church yarde of Askrigge, as my freinds shall dispose afterwards. First my will is that my son James Pratt shall have all my grounds cald House Enwoode, Grange Field and the grass garth, and two cattell gates and a halfe, payeing unto my wife Elizabeth foure pounds a yeare, to be paide quarterly dureing the time of her life. I give to Elizabeth Tomlinson my daughter, the wife of Will Tomlinson of Askrigge, my cupbord. I give to my son Abraham thirteene-pence halfepenny. I give to my son in law Peter Pratt thirteene pence halfepenny. I give to my wife Elizabeth all my housald goods whatsoever, and my white cow[2] & my hay. I give to my grand child James Tomlinson all my sheepe[2] whatsoever. I give to my son James Pratt my black cow,[2] to bring me forth with. I make my son James my sole eexecutor [*sic*] of this

[1] John Shutt of Westmorland, gentleman, owned land in Sedbusk and Litherskew at this time. One holding to the north of Sedbusk is called Shutt Pasture to this day, and the exit from it on to the fell top is Shutt Gate.

[2] The inventory has only one cow and one (hog) sheep.

my last will, the 20th of October and in the 24th of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles, 1672. [Mark]

James X Guye, Jo: X Coates, Josias Hasleden [The will is in his hand]
Aprhill the 9, 1673. The Invetarry of James Pratt, elder:
his purs and aparall 10/-. on chist 4/-. six boules, two earthon pots 2/-. two pans and peuter 5/-. on iyoron pott 4/-. on tabell 1/6. on ould dishik, two skells, on cane 3/-. on chare 4d. on cubord 10/-. reacon and toungs 6d. on spining whell 4d. on form 4d. on kowe £1 : 16 : 8. on lettell hogg 3/-. The sum is £4 : – : 8.

Matthew X Caygill, John X Coatts, James X Pratt, Allexan: Blyth [The inventory is in his hand]

Bond 26 April 1673 by James X Pratt of Skelgill, yeoman, & Edward Burbecke [signed Birkbeck] of Litherskew, yeoman. £200[1].

For James Pratt to administer the goods of James Pratt, senior, deceased, & to deliver up the Letter of Admon if any will is found & exhibited by the exors.

Wit: Ja: Close, Wil Drummond.

[The form of the bond implies that the above will had not then been found and (see below) there was a grant of admon & not of probate]
[On p. 3 of the folded sheet: At Richmond on 26 April 1673 before the Rev Thomas Robinson, substitute of Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, admon of the goods of James Pratt deceased was granted to James Pratt, his son. An inventory exhibited in the sum of £4 : – : 8 in the presence of William Drummond, Notary Public]

[114] Jeffrey Pratt of Holehouse

The tenth day of November 1673 and in the five and twentieth yeare of Charles the Second, I Jeffrey Pratt of Holehouse in Wensladaile in the parish of Aysgarth, yeoman, being sick in body. To be buried in the chappell or chappell yarde of Askrigge within the parish of Aysegarth. And as for that temporall estate which it haith pleased Almighty God to lend unto me in this present life, first I give unto my sister Alice, now wife to Mathew Forster, all my lands with all houses, buildings, garthes and gardens, and all the appurtenances, for her life naturall, and from the decease of my saide sister, unto the heyre male on the body of my saide sister begotten or to be begotten, and for want of such heyre mall [*sic*] to discend to the equall use of such feemale children as shall at her decease be living, or now are from her body discended. I give unto my coozens Elizabeth Forster and Alice Forster, my saide sisters childen [*sic*] the summe of fourty poundes to be put forward for their equall uses at Martinmas in the yeare 1674 for their best advantage. I give unto Margarett Harker of Oxnoppe in Swaledaile twenty poundes, to be paide within two yeares after my decease. I give unto Jeffrey Pratt, the son of James Pratt of Holehouse, the summe of twenty shillings which his saide father is indebted unto me. I give unto Abraham Pratt of Worton ten shillings, he being son to

[1] £200 is an unusually high bond for an inventory of £4.

Jeffrey Pratt deceased. I give unto Abraham Pratt, the son of Michaell Pratt, ten shillings. I appointe my brother in law, Matthew Forster of Askrigge, my whole and sole executor.

[Signed Jeffray Pratt; wax seal with initials IP]

Wit: Tho: Goulding, John Forster

[Probate 29 Nov 1673. Inventory in the sum of £195 : 9 : 2 (which is incorrect—see below)]

November the 22d in 1673. An Inventorie of Jeffrey Pratt, late of Holehouse within the parish of Aysgarth, singleman:
his purse and apparrell £3 : 2 : 6. one bedsteade, one chist et one table 10/-. one cupboard et one dishbinch 13/4. one mare and two foales £3 : 5 : –. one younge heffer £1 : 6 : 2. one pile of wooll £13 : 13 : 4. some old trumpery et loose bords £1 : 1 : 2. six hay stackes and one mowe £9 : – : 6. £32 : 12 : –.

Debtes owne to the deceased by severall persons upon specialty £44 : 11 : 10. Desperate debtes owne to the deceased £43 : 11 : 4. more in creditts £14 : 4 : –. £135 : 9 : 2 [Should be £134 : 19 : 2] Funerall expences to be deducted £10. Remaineing de claro £125 : 9 : 2.

William X Parsivell, John Forster, Ralph Rutter, John Forster [The inventory is in the hand of the second John Forster]

Bond 29 Nov 1673 by Matthew Forster of Askrigg, yeoman, John Forster of the same, scrivener[1] ['*scriba*'] & William Hutchenson [signed Will Hutchinson] of Richmond, cordwinder. £300.

For Matthew Foster [*sic*] to keep the will of Jeophrey Pratt, late of Askrigg, deceased.

Wit: Greg: Elsley.

[115] Christopher Pratt of Shaw Cote

The nynth day of August 1670 and in the two and twentieth yeare of Charles the Second, I Christofer Pratt of Shawe Coate in Wensladaile in the parish of Aysgarth, yeoman, being olde and weake of body. My body to be decently intered within the chappell or chappell yarde at Askrigge. I give unto Elizabeth my now wife all my goods, lands and chattells, aswell at Shawe Coate or in any other place, and I apointe my saide wife my whole and sole executrix. I give unto William Thornton of Askrigge, James Metcalfe of Forsdaile and Cuthbert Steward of Simonstone, yeomen, the summe of twenty poundes, to be put forward for the use of the poore people inhabitting within the precinct and territories of the lands of John Coleby of Bowbridge Hale, Esquire, and for the use and uses of the poorest of them, and the yearly use or interest theerof yearely to be devided amongst the saide poore people for ever, according to their severall necessities, at, in or upon the eleaventh day of November yearely: nothing doubting but that my saide frendes will honestly discharge the trust committed to the [*sic*]

[1] See footnote to No. 115.

heerein. I give unto my daughter Anne all my aforesaide lands and groundes from the decease of my saide wife for and dureing her life naturall, and after her decease to the heyre or heyres of her body to be begotten, and for want of yssue the saide lands to discend unto the neerest heire male of me. I give unto my coozen John Forster the summe of fourty shillings, and to Thomas Maison of Bainebridge the summe of twenty shillings, and of the oversight heere of I doe appointe William Thornton aforesaide and my saide coozen John Forster of Askrigge, scrivener,[1] supervisors to see that this will be performed according to the true intent theerof, and for their paines to be taken heerin I give unto them and to either of them the summe of seaven shillings.

[Mark & wax seal]

Thomas X Metcalfe, John Forster [The will is in his hand]

[Probate 21 Nov 1673]

November the 19th in 1673, an Inventory of Christopher Pratt, late of Shaw Coate in Wensladaile in the parish of Aysgarth:

his purse and apparell £6 : 13 : 4. bedds and bedding £4 : 13 : 4. brasse and puter £1 : 3 : 4. stooles, tables, chaires and fourmes 15/-. two cupboards and one dishbinch £1 : 10 : –. one arke and three olde chists 13/6. all the wooden vessells in his house 7/10. the fire vessells 3/3. all his husbandry geere £1 : 2 : 6. one spining wheell and some loose boards 5/3. foure paire of course stockings 2/6. one olde maire and a sadle et cloake bagg £1 : 6 : 8. 3 kine £4 : 10 : –. 4 hens and one cocke 1/8. two little stacks of haye £4 : 13 : 4.

Owne to the deceased by severall persons due upon specialty [£391 : 7 : 2 deleted, probably in error; that appears to have been the total of the debts on specialty] [Sum tot deleted—correctly, for the grand total appears below] £419 : 8 : 8 [which is a sub-total]

Desperate debts owne to the deceased £18 : – : 10. received for rents of groundes £2 : 7 : –. owne more for rents and olde accompts £2 : 18 : –. Sum tot £443 : 12 : 6 [Should be £442 : 14 : 6]

Owne to Mr Coleby for rents by the deceased £6. funerall expences to be deducted £12. Remaineing *de claro* £425 : 12 : 6.

Richard X Winne, Anthony Metcalfe, Edward Birkbeck, John Forster

[The inventory, like the will, is in Forster's hand]

Bond 21 Nov 1673 by Elizabeth X Pratt of Shawecoate, widow, & William Thornton of Askrigg, gentleman, & John Forster of Askrigg, junior. £1000.

For Elizabeth Pratt to keep the will of Christopher Pratt, late of Shawecoate, deceased.

Wit: Wil: Drummond.

[116] William Parkin, senior, of Helbeck Lunds

The twenty fifth day of January 1673[/4] according to the computation

[1] See No. 114, Bond, in which Forster is described in Latin as *scriba*.

of the Church of England, I William Perkin senior of Helbeck Lundes in Wensladaile in the parish of Aisgarth, yeoman. To be buried in Garstall Church yard. I give to my sonne Augustine Perkin my auncient tenement or farmehould at Lundes, which was my father John Perkins, the one halfe whereof beeing purchased from Mr Coale for the tearme of two thousand yeares[1], the other halfe thereof beeing by lease from Sir John Lowther, Baronett. It is my will and minde that my sonne Augustin have it all in his possession after my decease, except a third part thereof which I give to my wife dureing her naturall life. I give to my wife a third part of my moveable goods likewise. Whereas I promised my sonne William Perkin tenn pound at the marriage of his now wife more then I have given him, it is my minde that he have it out of my goodes. It is my will that my sonne in lawe, Robert Hunter, have fourty shillings which I had promised him formerly with my daughter, his now wife. I give to my sonne in lawe, Robert Hunter, the somme of tenn pound. I give to my sonne in lawe, John Regnoldson, the somme of tenn pound. I give to John Walker the some of two shillings. I give to my two sonnes, Augustin Perkin & William Perkin, all the rest of my goodes and appoint them executors.

[Mark & wax seal]

Wit: James Willan, Robert X Shawe, William Gibson

[Probate 21 Feb 1673/4]

An Inventory the 31 day of January 1673[/4] of William Perkin, elder, of Lundes, viewed and prized by Regnold Winne, Henery Dawson, James Willan & William Gibson:

his purse and apparrell £6 : 5 : –. bedstockes and bedding £2. wooden vessell of all sortes 18/6. brasse and puter 10/6. chestes, an arke & coffers 11/6. tables, dishbinke, chaires, stooles & boordes 5/4. girdion, brandreth, tonges & rackon 4/-. beefe and cheese 13/4. oate meale, being about 8 or 9 bushell £2 : 1 : –. fleece wooll & knitt stockins £1. gavelock, hack, great hammer, shoveles, spaides, cartes, sledds and other husbandrie geare 10/-. kine, whyes & one bull £15. stirkes & calves £6 : 5 : –. horses, ould and young £7. ewes and weathers & toopes £15 : 10 : –. hogges £4. hay and peates £2 : 16 : –. bookes 11/-. [This last item inserted in a different ink]

Money oweing to the deceased by bond or otherwise:

John Burton of Stone House in Dent £20. Alexander Thistelthwaite of Widdell £20. Robert Dawson of Garsdall £10. John Harrison of Souleby £10. Christopher Blaides of Garsdall £13 : 6 : 8. Thomas Blaides and John Blaides £8. Thomas Wright £4. John Forster, junior, of Askrigg £1 : 15 : –. John Blenkarne of Symondstone 3/-. Some £153 : 5 : 10 [altered from £152 : 14 : 10, no doubt due to the insertion of 'bookes 11/-']

Debts oweing by the deceased:

Funerall expences £2 : 10 : – [This item inserted in a different ink] to William Perkin £10. Robert Hunter £2. William Gibson 6/8. Robert Shawe £1. Mary Burrow 9/6. Some £16 : 6 : 2.

[1] See footnote[1], page 69.

Remains *de claro* £135 : 19 : 2 [Should be £136 : 19 : 8]

Reynold Winn, Henry X Dawson, James Willan, William Gibson.

Bond 21 Feb 1673[/4] by Augustine X Perkin of Helbeck Lunds, yeoman, William Perkin [signed Parkin] of the same, yeoman, William Gibson of the same, gent., & James Willan of the same, yeoman. £300. For Augustine & William Perkin to keep the will of William Parkin, senior, of Helbeck Lunds, deceased.

Wit: Wil Drummond, Geo: Crawe.

[117] Wilfred Moore of Cotterdale

The Inventory of Willfray Moore of Cotterdaile, deceased, taken the last of Aprill 1674 by us, Edmond Holme, James Metcalfe, John Shaw, Christopher Moore [The signatures or marks of the appraisers do not appear at the foot of the inventory]

his purse and aparill 6/-. one cow and why £4. tow little whyes £2 : 6 : 8. three little calves £2. one little galaway £1. twenty foure sheepe £5. puther and bras 7/-. beding and bed steads and houshoold stuf and husbandry things £2 : 10 : –.

What he hath owne: John Metcalfe £8 : 10 : –. James Willon £1 : 13 : 4. Barnard Churchbride £2 : 6 : 8. Christopher Busby £1 : 6 : –.

The debatory of the said Willfry Moore: to Thomas Moore £10. to James Metcalfe £5. to James Moore £1. to Edmond Haslin £2 : 15 : –. Elsabeth Chamley £1. to Willfray Moore £1 : 12 : –. to Margeret Thornburow £1 : 10 : –. to Thomas Moore £5. to Margaret Martin 16/-. for his funerall £1 : 10 : –.

[No totals were quoted: goods come to £17 : 9 : 8, debtors to £13 : 16 : – and creditors to £30 : 3 : –, or net personalty of £1 : 2 : 8]

[Admon (endorsed) at Askrigg on 28th May 1674 before Mr Allan[1], Clerk, Curate of Askrigg, substitute of Sir Joseph Cradock, Commissary, to Wilfrid Moore, son of the deceased. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £29 and over, in the presence of Wil Drummond, Notary Public. It is difficult to understand how this sum was arrived at, unless it was as the figure of assets less funeral expenses]

Bond 28 May 1674 by Wilfrid X Moore of Cotterdale, yeoman, & Thomas X Moore of the same, yeoman. £50.

For Wilfrey Moore to administer the goods &c of Wilfrey Moore, deceased, late of Cotterdale.

[118] Christopher Wilkinson, senior, of Helbeck Lunds

The twenty seaventh day of February 1673[/4] I Christopher Wilkinson the eldest of the Chappell Howses in Helbeck Lundes in Wensladaile in the parish of Aisgarth, husbandman. To be buried in the church yard of Garstall. Whereas I have oweing & indebted me the some of thirty pound by the hands of John Dawson at Bankes in Garstall, and likewise five pound oweing unto me by Christopher Knowles and William

[1] The Rev. Cuthbert Allen, Curate of Askrigg from 1674.

Mason, I give both the afforesaid sommes of thirty pound & five pound to my sonn Christopher Wilkinson, all except £5 which I give thre pound thereof to be paide to his sonn Christopher Wilkinson, my grandchild, when he comes to the age of fifteene yeares and two pound to his daughter, Elsabeth Wilkinson my grandchild, likewise when fifteene yeares. I give to my sonne in lawe Christopher Knowles the somme of one shilling. Whereas I have 5 or 6 trees of ash wood in my sonn Richard Wilkinson howses at Hye Scale in Garstall, be they more or fewer I give them to my sonns Richard Wilkinson & Christopher Wilkinson, to be equally devided betwixt them. All the rest I give to my sonn Christopher Wilkinson and dooe make him sole executor.

[Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Myles X Mason, William Gibson.

[Probate 17 Oct 1674]

An Inventory [undated] of Christopher Wilkinson, senior, late of Lundes:
his purse & aparell 5/-. oweing to the deceased, Chr Knowles & Will Mason £5. John Dawson £30.

Christopher Wilkinson, William Gibson.

Bond 17 Oct 1674 by Christopher Wilkinson of Helbeck Lunds, yeoman, & William Gibson of the same, gent. £60.

For Christopher Wilkinson to keep the will of his father, Christopher Wilkinson, late of Hebeck [*sic*] Lunds.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Notary Public.

[119] Peter Watson, senior, of Skellgill

The thirteenth day of October 1674 I Peter Watson the elder of Skellgill in the parish of Aysgarth, husbandman, being sick and weake in body. To be buried in the chappell or chappell yarde of Askrigge within the saide parish. I appointe Joane my wife and my eldest son Peter jointe executors. I give unto my son John Watson twenty poundes, to be paide by my saide executors within twelve moneths after my decease, and to have free intertainement at my now dwelling house soe long as he remaines unmarried, if he be liveing and return into this Kingdom, otherwise the saide summe to be devided betwixte his two brethren, Peter and James. I give unto my grand childe Peter Metcalfe five poundes, to be paide as aforesaide. I give unto my daughter Margarett five poundes, to be paide as is aforesaide. I give unto my grand childe Edward Metcalfe five poundes, to be paide as is aforesaide at 21 yeares olde. I give unto my son James seaven poundes and ten shillings, to be paide as aforesaide. I give unto my son Peters son Peter my grand childe fifty shillins and to my son Ja: his son whose name is Petter fifty shillinges, to be paide as aforesaide. I give unto my brother John Watson five shillinges per annum, to be paide unto him yearly upon the eleaventh day of November dureing his life naturall. I give unto my grand childe Augustine Metcalfe [fourty deleted] fifty shillings, to be paide soe soone as he shall attaine one and twenty yeares. I give unto my son in lawe Thomas Metcalfe one straight coate.

I give unto my wife a parcell of ground called East Inge dureing her life naturall, she paying the yearly rent of twenty foure shillings. I give unto my son Peter and my son James the residue of my tennement, to be equally devided between them dureing the life of my wife, and after her decease the saide parcelle likewise to be equally devided betweene Peter and James. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Thomas X Caygill, Matthew Caygill, John Forster [The will is in his hand]

[Probate at Richmond 24 Oct 1674 to Peter Watson, son of the deceased and one of the exors named; power reserved to Joan, the widow & relict and the other exor. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £127]

[Below the note of probate, in John Forster's hand]

Memento Table et greate chaire to remaine
two gates to my wife, house to Ja: *ad temp*[*o*]*r*[*em*]

October the 22d 1674 An Inventory of Peter Watson, late of Skellgill. his purse and apparrell £2 : 6 : 8. beddes and bedding £1 : 6 : 8. brasse et pewter £1 : 13 : 4. fables [*sic*, but an obvious slip for tables], stooles and fourmes, chistes et dishbinch & one cupboarde £3. all the wooden vesselles in his house 11/4. his husbandry geere et fire vesselles or utensills 13/1. one parcell of stockings £8 : 12 : –. two little stackes and 3 litle parcelles of hay £7. foure olde milch kine £8. three younge steers £3 : 3 : –. two younge heffers £2 : 13 : 4. one bull stirke £1. two maires and one younge coalte £6 : 3 : 4. one little fatted cowe £3. one gray gelding £3 : 5 : –.

Moneys owne to the deceased: by Edward Braithericke by specialty £10. owne by James Blaythorne £16 : 5 : 6. by John Forster £14 : 18 : –. Matthew Forster £9 : 11 : 8. Michaell Smith £3 : 18 : – [? £4 : 18 : –]. Thomas Pearson £1 : 8 : –. John Halliday £3 : 19 : –. by Thomas Hogge £1 : 7 : 2. by Rich: Metcalfe of Gayle 11/-. by Christofer Coulton 12/-. by John Thompson of Kirby Steven £1 : 6 : –. by Ambrose Garth £2 : 18 : –. [? £1 : 18 : –] by James Watson £7 : 10 : –. one parcell of wooll £1. Adam Shaw 4/-. Christofer Wilkinson 4/-. John Stockdaile 3/-. Sum tot £127 : 13 : 1. Funerall expences deduct £5 : 10 : –. Remaineing *de claro* £122 : 3 : 1. John Forster, Matthew Caygill, George X Johnson, Jo: Forster [The inventory is in his hand]

[There are several alterations, by superimposition, in the value column, and in some cases it is impossible to be sure which is intended to be the definitive figure]

Bond 24 Oct 1674 by Peter X Watson of Skelgill, yeoman, & Matthew Kaygill [signed Caygill] of the same, yeoman. £200.

For Peter Watson to keep the will of Peter Watson, his father, late of Skelgill.

Wit: Wil: Drummond

[120] William Croft, junior, of Helm

[He was of High Helm when he joined in a bond in 1667]

An Inventory [undated] of William Croft, junior, late of Helme, deceased:
his purse & apparell 5/-. 1 lease of a parcell of land for 6 years, in bring of 9/- per annum, £2 : 14 : –. £2 : 19 : –.

Matt. Blyth.
Bond 29 May 1675 by Matthew Blyth of Bowbridge, yeoman, & John Marshall, gent. [who did not, in fact, sign the bond]. £10.

For Matthew Blyth to administer the goods of William Crofte, junior, late of Helme.

['*In presentia mei*' written in, but no signature]

[121] Francis Lambert of Yorescott

The nyneteenth day of July 1675 I Francis Lambert of Yorescoate in the parish of Aysgarth, yeoman, being crazed in body. To be buried in the chappell or chappell yarde of Askrigge within the saide parish. I doe make my son Thomas my whole and sole executor. I give unto Alice[1] my now wife my dwelling house and tennement at Yorescoate, and all that close and isleland on the southside of Yoresbridge end, to hold unto my saide wife for her life. I give unto my saide wife two kine to be delivered unto her shortely after the time of my decease. I doe likewise give unto my saide wife twenty shillings per annum yearly for her life, provided allwayes that she shall release all her tytle of dower, widdow right and thirds out of my messuage & lands at Marsett. And likewise my will is that all the saide dwelling house and the ground lyeing on the south side of Yoresbridge end shall discend, after the decease of my saide wife, unto my saide son Thomas and his yssue for ever. I give unto my son John two hundred poundes soe soone as the saide John shall attaine one and twenty yeares. I give unto my saide son John twenty poundes per annum dureing the time of his nonage towards his maintenance, reliefe, education and bringing up in good litterature. I give unto my daughter Hannah one hundred and fourty poundes, to be paide unto her so soone as she shall attaine twenty yeares. I give unto my wife and my daughter Hannah all my household goodes, to be equally devided betweene them. I give unto my brother Augustine fourty shillings if he doe survive me and returne againe into this country. I give unto my brother Henry twenty shillings and all my shapen apparrell. I give unto saide brother Henries son John fourty shillings to be disposed of by my saide executor at the discretion to the said Johns use. I give unto my brother Henries daughter Elizabeth twenty shillinges. I give to his daughter Isabell ten shillings. I give unto my brother Johns sons, Francis and Thomas, foure poundes [altered from fourty shillings] to be equally devided betweene them, if they survive me and retune [*sic*] againe into this kingdome. I give unto Dorothy Lambert their mother ten shillings.

[1] Her will is No. 137.

I give unto Jane Lambert twenty shillings and to her sister Isabell twenty shillings. I give unto my coozen Thomas Lambert fourty shillings. I give unto James Lambert, the son of Alex: Lambert, ten shillings. I give unto Isabell Bowes ten shillings. I give unto Joane Lambert five shillings. I give unto my sister Margarett twenty shillings. I give unto my sister Jane twenty shillings. I give unto my saide sister Janes children foure poundes, to be equally devided amongst them. I give unto Anthony Pratt, my wives son, foure poundes. I give unto her son John Pratt three poundes. I give unto my grand childe Christofer Guye twenty poundes, to be put forward for his use soe soone as he shall attaine twellve yeares. I give unto my grand childe Francis Guye fifteene poundes, to be put forward for his use as aforesaide as soon as he attaines twelve yeares. This my intent is that my executor shall have the disposeing of theese two last mentioned legacies for the saide two childrens proper uses till they attaine one and twenty yeares. If it please God that either of them shall dye before they come to lawfull yeares, that such legacies shall redound and fall to the survivor of them, and if both dye, both legacies shall fall to the sole use of my executor. I give unto the poore people inhabitting within the towne and common of Askrigge fifty shillings. I give unto the poore people inhabitting within Mr Colebyes lands twenty two shillings, wheerof Margarett, the wife of Allexander Lambert, to have five shillings. I give unto the poore people inhabitting within Sir John Lowthers landes twenty shillings. I give unto the poore people inhabitting within the Hawes quarter thirty shillings, wheerof Henry Lambertes wife to have 5/-. I give unto the poore people inhabitting within Bainebridge quarter fourty shillings, wheerof my brother Johns wife to have five shillings. And I doe heerby give unto my saide executor all my goods, landes, cattells and chattelles not by me in this my will given.

[Signed 'Francis Lamberte'; small wax seal]

Testes: James X Metcalfe, John Forster [The will is in his hand] [Endorsed, in John Forster's hand] Theese words (so soone as) being interlined betweene the 32 and 33 lyne, and likewise the word (poundes) betweene the 25th and 26th lynes before the ensealing.

[Probate 18 Sept 1675]

September the 13th 1675 A true and perfect Inventory of Francis Lambert, late of Yoorescoate:

his purse and apparrell £10. beddes and bedding £5. brasse and pewter £2. 3 tables and one cuppboarde £2. all the rest of the householde goodes and husbandry geere £5. nyne cockes or stacks of hay £20. nyneteene beastes and 2 calves £49. two maires & one foale £7 : 10 : –. sheepe 40 £12. one pile of woole £12. goodes in his shoppe £30. Debtes by specialty £527. good and desperate debtes per booke £200. £881 : 10 : –.

Owing by the deceased to severall persons £330. funerall expences to be deducted £14. £344. Remaineing *de claro* £537 : 10 : –.

Antho Fothergill, John X Metcalfe, Matt: Blyth, John Forster [The inventory is in his hand]

Bond 19 Sept 1675 [i.e., one day after the grant of probate] by Thomas Lambert of Yorescoat, gent., & Allexander [signed Alex:] Smith of Camshouse, gent. £2000.

For Thomas Lambert to keep the will of Francis Lambert, late of Yourscoate.

Wit: Wil Drummond

[122] Joan Watson of Skellgill

[Widow of Peter Watson, senior, whose will is No. 119]

A true inventure of what goods Joan Watson, wife of Peter Watson of Skelgill, late deceased, dyd possest of, prized by John Coats, George Johnson, George Caygill & Will Johnson, the nynth day of February 1676[/7]

her apparrell £1. bed stocks & beding £1. pewther and wooden vessell and two litle pans & one litle kettle 15/9. two kyne and one calfe £6. hay 17/6. Paid for funerall expences £3 : 18 : 4.

[the total of the goods was not given but comes to £9 : 13 : 3. The cost of the funeral was a much higher relative figure than was usual]

John X Coats, George X Jhonson, George Caygill, Will X Johnson [At foot: Admon at Richmond 10 Jan [*sic*, but should obviously be Feb] 1676[/7] to John Watson, natural & lawful son of the deceased] Bond 10 Feb 1676[/7] by John Watson of Askrigg, yeoman, & William Hutchinson of Richmond, Cordiner. £20.

For John Watson to administer the goods of Joan Watson, late of Skelgill.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close

[123] James Blades of Helbeck Lunds

The 14th day of November 1676 according to the computation of the Church of England, I James Blades of Helbeck-Lundes in the parish of Aisgarth, husbandman, beeing sicke. To be buried in Christian buryall at the discretion of my executrix hereafter nominated. I give unto my sonn Ralph Blades my close or parcell of ground called the Little Banke, to enter when he comes to the age of twenty one yeares. All the rest whatsoever I give unto Margrett my wife for ever, and make her sole executrix. I give one shilling to my mother in law & sixpence to James Dawson wife. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: William Gibson [*Jurat*]

[Probate at Richmond 6 March 1676/7 to Margaret Blaides, widow & relict of the deceased, together with tuition of the person & portion of Ralph Blaides, natural & lawful son, during his minority. Inventory exhibited in the sum of £16 : 12 : – in the presence of Wil: Drummond, Notary Public.]

An Inventory of James Blades, late of Lundes, deceased, viewed and prised by fower men viz George Blades, Edmond Shawe, Ralph Blades & William Gibson, the twenty fifth day of November 1676:

his purse and apparell £1 : 10 : –. in cheese 4/-. one little table & one

tubb 1/6. one chist 2/-. two chayres 1/8. in wodden vessell 4/6. in brasse and puter 4/6. one dish binke 1/2. John Dinsdall oweing to the deceased 10/-. two stone of woll & one dosen of stockings £1. one racken crooke & tonges 1/6. two kine £5. one why and two calves £3 : 6 : 8. seaven ewes £1 : 15 : –. two little stacks of hay & one mow £2 : 10 : –.

£16 : 12 : 6 [which is 6d more than the figure certified by the notary, above]

Debtes oweing by the deceased to Arthur Regnoldson £10. to Thomas Moore 9/6. Sum declar £6 : 3 : –.

[At foot, a note of exhibition at Richmond on 6 March 1676/7]

Bond 6 March 1676[/7] by Margaret X Blaides of Hellbecke Lundes, widow, & William Gibson of the same, yeoman. £100.

For Margaret Blaides to keep the will of James Blaides.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

[Note: Although William Gibson was entered as a bondsman, he did not execute, but he did so in the Tuition Bond—see below]

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses] for Margaret Blaides to pay to Ralph Blaides, natural & lawful son of James Blaides, all childs parts, &c.

[124] Mabel Gibson of Helbeck Lunds

The first daye of June 1671 I Mabell Gibson, wife of the late deceased Humphray Gibson of Helbecke Lundes in Wensladale in the parish of Aisgarth, widow, being sicke & infirme of bodye. My bodye I committ it to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in the church yard of Ravenstondale neare unto my said deceased husband. I give to my grand child Ann Blaydes, daughter of James Blaydes, thirtye poundes. I give to the rest of the children of my said sonn in law James Blaydes twentye poundes, to be devided equallye amongst them. I give to my said grand child Anne Blaydes a bedd of cloathes, that is to saye, a covercloth, two happins, two sheets, two blankets & a fether bolster. Likewise I give unto the said Ann Blaydes my side sadle & my truncke. I give to my two grand children, Marye Gibson & Ruth Gibson, daughters of my sonn Willyam Gibson, tenn poundes to be devided equally betwixt them. I give more particularly to my two grand children, James Blades & Mary Blaydes, the daughters of the abovesaide James Blaydes, tenn poundes equally betwixt them. I give unto Richard Stephenson tenn shillinges, and for all the rest of my goodes I give to my sonn Willyam Gibson and I make him whole executor. And I appoint my trustie & welbe loved friends, my brother George Denison & my brother Willyam Shaw, suppervisores.

[Mark]

Wit: Richard Stephenson, John Denison, James Blaydes

[Probate 28 April 1677. Inventory to be exhibited within the month]

[There is no inventory with the papers]

Bond 28 April 1677 by William Gibson of Helbeck Lunds, gent. [His

description varies; see Nos. 123 and 126 (Bonds) where he is called yeoman] & William Hutchinson of Richmond, Cordiner [who did not execute the bond]. £120.

For William Gibson to keep the will of Mabell Gibson, late of Helbeck Lunds.

Wit: Ja: Close, Antho: Close

[125] Tristram Blades, senior, of Shaw Cote

A true & perfect Inventory of Tristram Blaides of Shale-coate, senior, deceased, taken & apprized the 23th day of August 1677 by Adam Harrison, William X Wharton, Richard X Webster, Bry: Dodsworth: his purse & apparrell £3. two kine & two calves £6 : 5 : –. one cubbert & chests £1 : 5 : –. two bedd steads 10/-. fower tables 13/4. two formes, two chaires & three stooles 3/4. brasse & pewder 13/4. bedding £1 : 10 : –. wood vessell & other utensills 10/-. one Bible 3/4. one turfe carte & other husbandry geare 6/8. one iron morter & other iron implyments 5/-. *In toto* £15 : 5 : –.

[At foot: Admon at Richmond 27 Aug 1678 [*sic* but should be 1677] to Phillis Blaides, widow & relict of the deceased]

Bond 27 Aug 1677 by Phillis X Blaides of Shalcoate, widow, & Tristram Blaides [signed Blaydes] of the same, yeoman. £30.

For Phillis Blaids to administer the goods &c of Tristram Blaides, late of Shalcoate.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Notary Public.

[126] William Dawson of Helbeck Lunds

The twenty fifth day of June 1677 I William Dawson of Helbeck-Lundes in the parish of Aisgarth, yeoman. To be buried in Christian buryall. My now wife Ann Dawson shall have all my howses, groundes, landes & leases dureing her naturall life. Unto my wife all my goodes, moveable and unmoveable. I give unto my brother James Dawson thirty shillings. I give unto my brother James sonnes and to my brother Henery sonnes and to my sisters sonn all my estate in howses, groundes, lands and leases, to be equally divided amongst them, or as many of them as is liveing at or after the decease of my wife, upon condition that they shall pay such debts as my wife is charged with at my decease, whene she assignes them to be paide at her decease. I make my wife executrix. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Reynold Winn, William Gibson.

[Probate 14 Sept 1677]

An Inventory of William Dawsons, late of Helbeck-Lundes, deceased, viewed and prised by us, viz James Dawson, Henery Dawson, Regnold Harrison and William Gibson the seaventh day of July 1677:
his purse and apparrell £1 : 6 : 8. bedstockes and bedding 11/6. brasse and puter 19/10. wodden vessell 6/8. chests and one almery 15/6. chayres and stooles, lowse boords 2/-. girdion, brandreth, crooke and tonges 3/4. husbandrie geare 6/8. woll and stockins £2.

meale, butter and cheese 5/-. peates and hay 16/6. one horse & his furniture £2. three kine £6 : 13 : 4. one stirke and two calves £1 : 3 : 4.

Some £18 : 4 : 4 [Should be £17 : 10 : 4]

Debts oweing by the deceased to William Dawson at Mart 77, £2 : 12 : –. to Regnold Winne at Mart 77, £2 : 2 : 4. to Rebeckah Shawe next March £1 : 10 : –. Henery Robinson 12/-. William Perkin 5/-. Chr: Bushby 4/6. Henery Shawe 5/-. Hugh Rawe 4/8. James Dawson 2/6. Henery Dawson 1/11. Robert Dawson 1/1. behind for harth money[1] 1/-. in funerall expences £2 : 1 : – Some £10 : 3 : –. more to Myles Baran 3/3. to severall persons 1/8.

[Endorsed] James X Dawson, Henery X Dawson, Reynold Harrison, William Gibson.

Bond 15 Sept 1677 [i.e., one day later than the grant of probate] by Ann X Dawson of Helbeck-Lunds, widow, & William Gibson of the same place, yeoman. £40.

For Anne Dawson to keep the will of William Dawson.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

[127] Francis Pratt of Shaw Cote

August the 20, 1678. A true & perfect Inventory of Francis Pratt of Shaw Coat in the parish of Aysgarth:
his purse & apparrell £1 : 4 : –. brass & puter 14/-. wood-vessell 7/-. beds & bedding £2. chests & tables 13/4. two old cuberts & one dishbinck 14/-. carts & wheels & other husbandry ware 16/-. tongues & reckon, chaires & stoules & quishins 2/6. one spining wheel, 1 paire of cards 1/6. some stuffes 3/-. some cheese 2/-. two kine & 2 young heiphers £8 : 10 : –. nine stirks £11. four calfes £2. two horses & 1 mare £4 : 10 : –. eleven old sheep & 30 lambs £6. two mowes of hay & som rucks £13.

£51 : 17 : 4.

Funerall expences to be deducted £2 : 5 : –.

Praysed by us: Matthew Caygill, Matt: Blyth, Anthony X Pratt, James X Winn.

Bond 25 Oct 1678 by Ellenor X Pratt of Shaw Coate, widow, & John Forster [signed merely 'Jo: F'] of Askrigg, notary public, & William Hutchinson of Richmond, cordiner. £100.

For Ellinor Pratt to administer the goods &c. of Francis Pratt, late of Shaw Coate, deceased.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses, but John Forster merely wrote his initials]

For Ellinor Pratt to pay to Thomas, Edward, Christofer, Annas &

[1] The only Hearth Tax roll for Hang West Wapentake which is still extant is about ten years earlier than the date of this inventory.

Margaret Pratt, natural & lawful children of Francis Pratt, late of Shaw Coate, deceased, all childs parts &c.

[128] Edmund Shaw of Helbeck Lunds

The second day of Aprill 1678, according to the computation of the Church of England, I Edmond Shawe of Helbeck-Lundes in the parish of Aisgarth, yeoman. To be buried in Christian buryall in the chappell yard of Garstall. I give unto my wife Rebeckah Shawe all my houses and groundes in Helbeck-Lundes now in my possession, for life. After the decease of my wife, my grandchilde Ralph Blades, sonn of my daughter Margrett, shall have my foresaide houses & groundes, condicionally that my daughter Jane Nelson, wife of Jeremiah Nelson of Garstall, shall have the one halfe of my howses and groundes dureing life; and after her decease the said Ralph Blades to enter the whole, upon condicion that he shall pay unto the children of the said Jeremiah Nealson & Jane Nelson thirteene pound six shillings and eight pence when he enters. If my saide grandchilde Ralph Blades shall decease before his grandmother or before his foresaide aunt Jane Nelson, that after the decease of my wife my two daughters, viz Jane Nelson & Margrett Dent shall have my houses & groundes equally betwixt them: and if my daughter Jane Nelson be not allive at the decease of my wife nor my saide grand childe Ralph Blades, my daughter Margrett & the children of my daughter Jane have my houses & groundes betwixt them, viz my daughter Margrett the one halfe and my daughter Jane children the other halfe. I give unto my daughter Jane Nelson thre shillings. I give unto my daughter Margrett Dent thre shillings. It is my will that my table and my almery remaine in my house. All the rest I give unto my wife and make her sole executrix. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Will Gibson

[Probate at Richmond 2 Nov 1678]

The 18th day of September 1678, An Inventorie of Edmond Shawes, late off Helbeck-Londes, deceased, viewed and prised by us, viz James Dawson, Edward Tailor, Edward Dent and William Gibson:
his purse and apparrell £1 : 10 : 6. one table 2/-. one almery 6/8. one dishbinke 1/6. in brasse and puter 19/10. one chist 7/6. one bedstead 2/2. in wodden vessel 8/6. one girdion, brandreth, tonges & racken 3/4. in husbandrie geare 2/-. in peates 4/-. one hay stacke 19/10. one hay mow £1 : 13 : 4. two kine £5. two whyes £3 : 13 : 4. two stirkes £2 : 6 : 8. one calfe 11/6. in money oweing to the deceased by Stephen Dent 10/-. money oweing by Tho Blades £2 : 6 : –.

Some £22 : 8 : 8 [Should be £21 : 8 : 8]

Debts oweing by the deceased to Myles Borret £3. to Mabel Willan £1. to Regnold Winne wife £1. to Arthur Regnoldson £6. in funerall expences £1. Some £12.

[Endorsed] The prisers names: James X Dawson, Edward X Tailor, Edward X Dent, William Gibson.

Bond 2 Nov 1678 by Rebecca X Shaw of Helbeck Lunds, widow, & William Gibson of the same, gent. £40.

For Rebecca Shaw to keep the will of Edmond Shaw, late of Helbeck Lunds. Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

Tuition Bond 17 Sept 1694 by Jeremiah [signed Jeremie] Nelson of Garsdalle, yeoman, William X Nelson of the same, brother of the said Jeremiah, yeoman, & Robert Bend of the same, *literatus*. £40.

For Jeremiah Nelson to pay to Richard Nelson & James Nelson, natural & lawful children of Jeremiah Nelson & legatees in the will of Edmond Shaw, late of Lunds in the parish of Aisgarth, their grandfather, all childs part & portion, legacies, &c.

Wit: Jonathan Rose, Rich: Trotter, Notary Public.

[129] Richard Blyth of Low Helm

The fourth day of December one thousand six hundred seventy and eight, Richard Blyth of Low Helm in the parish of Asegarth in Wensleidale, yeoman, being weak and sick of body. My wretch body, in hope of joyfull resurrection, I commit to the earth to be buried in the chappel or chappell yard in Askridge, at the discretion of my dear wife Mary Blyth. I give unto my wife Mary three cowes and one black gelding. I give unto my sonne Abraham Blyth all my now dwelling houses, stables, garths and my lease or land which I have at Low Helm. My will is that my said son shall pay unto my daughter Margrett five pounds when she comes to the age of one and twenty years, and likewise that my said son shall pay unto my daughter Mary five pounds when she comes to the age of twenty one yeares. My wife shall have all my other goods and cattles to pay all my debts with, & what as remains I will to be put forward for the use and behoof of my said two daughters, my said wife giveing a just account to two overseers here after mentioned, to imploy every of the same as they shall think good for the profit and commodity of said two daughters. If any of my said children dye at under age or before marriage, that then the part and portion of him or her soe dying shall belong to the survivors or survivor. I give one why about the price of £2 : 10 : – to Elizabeth Fothergill of Castlethwaite. My wife shall have a third part out of my said houses, lease or land soe long as she continues my widdow, but if she marry she shall have no right, tytle nor intrest there unto. As for my houshold stuff, my wife shall have it at her disposeing, except one bed and amery standing in my now dwelling house, which shall remaine there in as heir looms. I make my said wife [*Jur*] to be my full, whole and sole executrix. I doe appoint my dear friends, Matthew Caygill and James Watson of Skelgill, over seers, and I give unto each of them 2/6 apeice. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Jo: Watson [*Jur*]

[Probate 28 Dec 1678 to Mary Blyth, widow & relict of the deceased, together with sole tuition of Abraham, Margaret & Mary Blyth, minor children of the deceased, during their minority]

December 17th 1678, A true Inventory of Richard Blyth of Low Helm, deceased, aprised then by Matthew Blyth, Thomas Metcalfe se[nior], Thomas Metcalfe and Peter Watson:
his purse and apparrell £3 : 6 : 8. brass, pewther and iron vessell £1 : 10 : –. cupboard, amery, dish bench & wooden vessell £1 : 5 : 4. bed stocks and bedding £1 : 8 : 6. tables, chaires, forms, stools, two chists and two litle coffers £1 : 6 : 3. four old pack cloths and a litle percell of wool £1 : 11 : –. skeps and a litle fleak 9d. spining wheel & cards 1/9. cushings 11d. 9 pair of stockens 10/6. weigh boke, scales and weights 3/4. beef, butter and cheese 11/2. peats and coals 12/1. carts and wheels and all other husbandry geer £1 : 4 : –. five kine £11 : 13 : 4. 3 young steers £6 : 6 : –. one bull segg £2 : 12 : –. one heiffer £1 : 15 : –. six stirks £6 : 15 : –. four calves £2 : 10 : –. two horses and one mare £8. one stack of hay and two peices £3 : 6 : 7. geese, cock & hens 4/11. one ram 6/-.

Debts owing to the deceased £20 : 13 : 3. Total £77 : 14 : 4.

Matt: Blyth, Thomas X Metcalfe, Thomas X Metcalfe, junior. Peter X Watson.

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Debts owing by the deceased	£29 : 4 : 3
Funerall expences	2 : 18 : 5
Total	£32 : 2 : 8

Bond 28 Dec 1678 by Mary X Blyth of Low-Helme, widow, Matthew Blyth of Bowbridge, yeoman, & John Watson of Askrigge, yeoman. £200.

For Mary Blyth to keep the will of Richard Blyth, late of Low-Helme, deceased.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

[Although the note of probate mentions minor children, there is no Tuition Bond]

[130] Thomas Metcalfe of Brockhill Cote

Jan the 2d 1678, A true and perfect Inventory of Thomas Metcalfe, late of Brokel Coat, aprised by Matthew Caygill, Peter Watson, James Watson, James Pratt and Will Johnson:
his purse and apparrell £1 : 10 : –. brass, peuther and iron vessell £1 : 3 : 4. wooden vessell 8/6. bed stocks & bedding £1 : 4 : –. tables, chists, chairs and stools £1 : 15 : –. one cupboard & two old dish benches £1 : 3 : 4. meal 7/6. cart wheels & husbandry geer 13/4. spining wheel & 3 shelves 3/-. fireing 1/10. two cowes & one calfe £5 : 5 : –. one horse £2 : 11 : 6. corn & hay £3 : 10 : –. [Left edge of MS torn] . . . the deceased . . . Beckering 1/- . . . ll 9/-. Totall £20 : 6 : 4. Matthew Caygill, Peter X Watson, James Watson, James X Pratt, Will X Johnson

Debts owing by the deceased are £25 : 14 : 1.

[At foot: Admon at Rhchmond 4 Jan 1678/9 to John Watson, to the sole use of Allexander Metcalfe, son of the deceased]

Bond 4 Jan 1678[/9] by John Watson of Askrigg, gentleman. £40. To administer the goods of Thomas Metcalfe, late of Brockallcoate.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Notary Public.

[131] Thomas Caygill, senior, of Skellgill

December the 30th 1678, A true and perfect Inventory of Thomas Caygill elder, late of Skellgill in the parish of Aysgarth:
his purse & apparell £2 : 10 : –. brass, pewter & ironware £1 : 6 : 6. wooden vessell 7/7. one cupboard, dishbink & table £1 : – : 6. chaires, stoules & forms 5/-. beds & bedding £1 : 8 : 6. two chests 12/6. beefe, cheese & cheseboards 12/-. spinning wheele & cards 2/-. husbandry ware & turfes 9/2. two steeres & one heipher £6. foure kine £12. three stirks £4. one mare 15/-. hay £5 : 10 : –. owne to the said Thomas Caygill £5 : 10 : –.

The totall sume £42 : 8 : 9.

Deducted for debts and funerall expences £6 : 4 : 6.

Matt Blythe, Matt Caygill, Richard Hayton, George Caygill.
[All four names are written in the same hand]

[At foot: Admon at Richmond 1 Feb 1678/9 to Thomas Caygill, natural & lawful son of the deceased, by renunciation of Ann Caygill, widow & relict of the deceased]

Mr Drummond these are to desire you to grant Administeration of the goods of Thomas Caygill elder, late of Skellgill to Thomas Caygill younger (my son) of the same and this my hand shall be your warrant.

Ann Caygill Vidua

Skellgill: January 24th.

[Endorsed] For Mr Wm Drummond at his office in Richmond, these.

Bond 1 Feb 1678/9 by Thomas X Caygill of Skelgill, yeoman, & John X Chapman of Thornton Rust, yeoman. £100.

For Thomas Caygill, son, to administer the goods &c of Thomas Caygill, late of Skelgill, deceased.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Antho: Close.

[132] George Winn of Sedbusk

Bond 5 May 1680 by John Winne [signed Winn] of Bradford, farmer ['*agricola*'], John Forster senior of Askrigge, & Edward King of West Witton, yeoman. £20.

For John Winne to administer the goods &c of George Winne, late of Sett Buske, now deceased, and to submit an inventory before the tenth day of July next ensuing.

Wit: Thomas Hartley junior, Edmand Willan.

Sealed and delivered to me for the use of the parties above said

John Forster, Notary Public.

[This is not the same man as the bondsman of that name]

[There is no inventory extant]

[133] Anne Metcalfe of East Grange

The 27th day of December, one thousand six hundred sixty and three, I Anne Metcalfe of Easte Grange in Wensladaile, widdow, being sicke in my bodie. To be buried in the church or church yard at Askrigge. I give unto James Metcalfe, my eldest son, the moyetie or one halfe of all my lands in or neere East Grange together with the one halfe of all the appurtenances. I give unto Thomas Metcalfe, my second son, and Isabell Metcalfe, daughter in lawe to me, for the use of her children begotten by Anthony Metcalfe, late of Easte Grange, my naturall son now deceased, the other moyetie or halfe parte of all my saide lands, with the moyetie of all the appurtenances, the saide Thomas, James & Isabell or her children paying unto the lord or lords of the fee their equall proportions of rent, and the saide premises shall be by two honest neighbours forthwith after my decease devided and sett forth. I give unto my son Thomas ten poundes, with consideration for the same for eighteene years now all ready past, to be paide unto him within one yeare after my decease by my son James. I give unto James Robinson, my daughter Annes son, ten shillings to be paide unto him at or within one whole yeare after my decease. I give unto Roger Metcalfe, John Metcalfe and Elizabeth Metcalfe, children of my son John Metcalfe now deceased, twelve shillings to be equally devided amongst them, to be paide by my son James Metcalfe, and I appointe my son James my whole and sole executor, in the fifteenth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second.

[Mark & wax seal]

Wit: George X Johnson, Jo: Forster [*Jurat*]

[The will is in Forster's hand from the beginning of the recital of the legacies; at that point he took over from someone else]

[Probate 27 Jan 1680/81 to James Blyth[1], sole exor named ; inventory to be exhibited in three months]

[No inventory extant]

[134] George Johnson of Skellgill

The twenty first day of March in the thirty second year of the reign of our King that now is &c and in 1679[/80] I George Johnson of Skelgill in the parish of Asegarth in Wensleidale, yeoman, being weak and sick of body. My wretched ['body' omitted] in hope of a joyfull resurrection I committ to the earth, to be buried with such charges and in such place as my dear wife Elline Johnson shall think good. I give unto my brother, Will Johnson, the sum of five pounds, to be paid upon the eleventh day of November after my decease. I give unto my said brother all my wearing apparell. I will that my wife shall have all my houshold goods, monys and debts owing unto me, and that she shall have

[1] James Blyth was not the exor named in the will and it is possible that the grant was endorsed on the wrong will, for the cover of the document has the note: '*Test*[*ament*]*um ex*[*hibi*]*t*[*um*] 28 7*bris* 1665'. The Archdeaconry index of wills includes the will under the 1665 date mentioned. Unfortunately the Parish Register of Askrigg is not extant for 1665, nor is the Bishop's Transcript, so that the date of Anne Metcalfe's burial cannot be verified. Had the inventory survived, that would have given some indication.

my now dwelling house dureing the time and term of her life naturall, and after her decease I will that my brother Will Johnson shall have it during his life, and after his decease I give that part upon the west side of the chimney unto George Johnson, son of my said brother William, and that part on the east side of the entree I give to Gawen Johnson, son of my said brother William. The garths, garden and other the premises I give to the said George Johnson & Gawen Johnson after the decease equally between them of my said wife Elline & brother William, & to their heirs for ever.

I make my wife Elline sole executrix. [Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Jo: Watson, Richard Williams, James Watson.

[Probate at Richmond 19 Nov 1681 to James Watson, to the sole use of Ellen Johnson, widow & relict of the deceased & sole executrix named]

November the 9, 1681, A trew & perfect Inventory of George Johnson, laite of Skelgill:
his purs & aparrill £1 : 5 : –. 1 cow £1. 1 bitt of hay 10/-. bras & pewther 10/-. woden vessill 6/-. 1 cupboard & dishbink £1. 1 chist, 2 litle coffers 8/-. beds & bedding 15/-. 2 ould tables 1/6. chares & stooles 1/6. 1 spining whele 1/6. a few turfes 1/6. tongs & reckon & couldrack 1/-. befe 6/-. laet [? latten] mettell 4d. 1 little iron pott 1/6. other odd implements 6d. bills, bonds & other depts £24.
The totall £30 : 9 : 4.

Depts & funerall expencis £7 : 19 : 1.

Matt: Blyth, Michell X Pickring, Peter X Watson, James Watson.

Bond 19 Nov 1681 by James Watson of Nappa Scarr, yeoman, & William Hutchinson of Richmond, shoemaker ['*calciar*']. £100.

For James Watson to keep the will of George Johnson for the use of Ellen Johnson late of Skelgill.

Wit: Jo: Hood, Ar: Farmer.

[135] Edward Wright of Sedbusk

A true Inventory of Edward Wright, laite of Setbusk in the parrish of Aisgarth, deceased, prased the 21th December 1681:
his purse & apparill 5/-. his bedd & bedding & household stufe 10/-. per lease of a house & garths £11 : 10 : –. Totall is £12 : 5 : –.

Debts oweing to the deceased £1.

Debts oweing by the deceased £2.

His funerall expences £1.

Bryan X Bentham, Thomas X Brenkley, Richard X Metcalfe, John X Metcalfe.

[Admon at Richmond 26 Dec 1681 to John Brenckley, to the sole use of Ann his wife, daughter of the deceased]

Bond 26 Dec 1681 by John Brenckley [signed Brenkllay] of Sedbusk, yeoman, & Thomas X Brenckley of Sedbusk, yeoman. £20.

For John Brenckley to administer the goods &c of Edwart [*sic*] Wright, late of Sedbusk, deceased.

Wit: John Smith, Ar Farmer.

[136] Anne Blades of Helbeck Lunds

26 May 1683, A true Inventory of Anne Blaides of Hellbecke Luns: her purse and apparrell £1. a press, a little table, one bed £1. In all £2.

Richard Thompson, Thomas Fairbank [This name was written in by Richard Thompson; in the bond—see below—Fairbank made a mark]

[Admon at Richmond 26 May 1683 to Richard Thompson, kinsman of the deceased]

Bond 26 May 1683 by Richard Thompson of Westwitton, clerk, & Thomas X Fairbanck of West-Witton, taylor. £100.

For Richard Thompson to administer the goods &c of Anne Blaides, late of Hellbeck Lunds.

Wit: Antho: Close, Ar: Farmer

[137] Alice Lambert of Yorescott

[Widow of Francis Lambert, whose will is No. 121]

I Alice Lambert of Yorscott in the parrish of Asegarth, widdo, being sick of body. I order and appoint my sunn, Tho Lambert, my sole execator, he paying all such legases as shall be here after mentiond. I give unto my doughter Anna Caygill eight pounds. I give unto my sunn John Pratt eight pounds. I give unto my sunn Antho Pratt fowre pounds. I give unto my grandsun Geo Pratt thre pounds; I do order my execator to dispose of it to the said Geo best advantidg. I give to my grand sun Chris^{r} Guy two pounds. I give to my grand sunn Francis Guy two pounds. I give to my doughter Anna all my household goodes & two yong cowes. I give unto Tho Lambert of Askrigg ten shillings. I give unto my sister Jane Thiselthwate ten shillings, if she be living at the 11° of No^{r} next. I give unto Margret Metcalfe ten shillings. I give unto John Lambert of Appersid 5 shillings. I give unto Jane Lambert of Countersid 5 shillings. The 9° of March 1683/4 [*sic*]

[Mark & wax seal]

James X Metcalfe, Isabell X Metcalfe, Tho: Caygill [The will is in his hand]

[Probate at Bainbridge 31 March 1684]

A trew and perfect Inventorey of Alise Lambert of Yoerscoate, this second day of Aprill in the thirty sixth yeare of the reigne of Charles the 2d over England, 1684:

moneys in the house 10/-. hir apparell £2. household goods £5. three kyne & one calfe £6. debtes by speshallty £40. £53 : 10 : –. Fewnerall expences to be deducted £8. Then remaines the sume of £45 : 10 : –.

James Calvert, Robert Jackson, Augustine Metcalfe, Tho. Caygill.

Bond 1 April 1684 [i.e., one day after the grant of probate] by Thomas

Lambert of Bainbridge, Wollen draper [he was the only bondsman] for him to keep the will of Alice Lambert, his late mother, late of Yores-Coate. £120.

Wit: Mich: Metcalfe, Ja: Close.

[138] Roger Carrs of Sedbusk

A prisement of the goods & chattles laite Roger Carrs of Setbuske in the parrish of Aisgarth, prised the 26th day of Aprill 1684:
his purce & apparill £2. puther & brass & iron vessell 10/-. wodden vessell 5/-. one dishbink & one chist & one litle chist 13/4. one bedd steadd 8/-. chairs & stoolls 3/4. one litle table & one form 2/-. three coffers 3/-. one spining wheell & cards 2/6. husbandry gear £1. one maire £3 : 10 : –. one galloway & one colt stagg £2 : 10 : –. two kine & one youngg calfe £5. a peece of hay 13/4. £17 : – : 6.

Debtes oweing to the deceased: one bond £10. in debtes nott secuered £4 : 17 : –. debts oweing by the deceased £3. his funerall expences £2.

James X Mayson, Alex[r] Metcalffe, George Dinsdall, Aug: Metcalf.

[Admon at Richmond 10 May 1684 to Eliza Carrs, widow & relict of the deceased]

Bond 10 May 1684 by Elizabeth X Carrs of Sedbuske, widow, & Thomas X Caygill of Skilgill [*sic*], felmonger. £100.

For Elizabeth Carrs to administer the goods &c of Roger Carrs, late of Sedbuske.

Wit: Will: Hutchinson, Ar: Farmer.

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses]

For Elizabeth Carrs to pay to Margaret Carrs, natural & lawful daughter of Roger Carrs, late of Sedbuske, deceased, all filial childs parts &c.

[139] Edmund Holme of Cotterdale

[Brother of William Holme, whose will is No. 111]

[The only will in this volume not preceded by '*In Dei Nomine Amen*']

The sixteenth day of April 1684, Memorandum that I, Edmund Holme of Cotterdale in the parish of Aisgarth, being sick of body. [No directions for burial] I give unto my wife & five children, John, Hannah, Ruth, Mary & Rachael Holme, all my goods consisting of beasts, sheep, horses & houslhold goods (excepting one cupboard, one chist & one coffer) equally to be divided. Mary my now wife shall have the sole benefit of the lease of the lands I hold in Cotterdale for the bringing up of my children, and if she happen to marie that then I give the benefit of the said lease to my above said five children, or soe many of them as shall then be living. I give unto my daughter Margaret the above said cupboard, chest & coffer. The tenn pounds of money whereof I have specialty for the use of my said daughter Margaret shall be paid to Margaret by my wife, whome I appoint sole executrix. I also appoint John Holme of Cotterdale, Richard Routh & Richard

Bincks of Hawes supravisors hereof, whome I desire to be assistant unto my said wife with their advise & counsell. [Signed 'Edmond Holmes'; wax seal]

Wit: John X Holme, Richard Routh, Richard Bincks, John Skaiffe.

The words (wife &) were interlined betwixt the eleaventh & twelfth lines before the sealing hereof

Abraham X Metcalfe, Edward X Preston, Laur: Routh

[Probate at Richmond 14 June 1684]

A true Inventory of Edmund Holme, late of Cotterdale, deceased

[Undated] his purs & aparell £2. 2 litle old maires £2. 2 staggs or colts £2 : 6 : 8. 1 little gallaway horse £2. 5 cowes £2. 2 heifers £3. 2 sterks £1 : 10 : –. 61 sheep £16 : 10 : –. bedsteads & bedding £2 : 10 : –. brass & peuter 7/10. 2 litle tables & 5 litle chests 13/-. 4 chairs, 1 milk spence with some other lumber £1 : 12 : 6. in moneys due & owing by James Swinbanck £1 : 10 : –. by Geo: Metcalfe 14/6. ['the intrest of his farme at a rack rent in Cotterdale valued at' deleted] £46 : 5 : 4.

Debts owing by Edmund Holme to his daughter Margaret £5. to Mabel Scaife £2 : 10 : –. to Agnes Mill £1. to the landlord for his farme £3 : 2 : 4. to Rich: Routh £1 : 10 : –. to Jeffrey Borret £1. to Henry Bruntskill 11/-. to Edmund Preston 10/9. to Rich: Metcalfe 5/-.

£15 : 9 : 1.

Willfrah X Mower, John X Holm, Edward X Preston, John Skaiffe.

Bond 14 June 1684 by Mary X Holme of Cotterdale, widow, & John Skaiffe of Cotterdale, fellmonger. £100.

For Mary Holme to keep the will of Edmond Holme, late of Cotterdale.

Wit: John Mayson, Ar: Farmer.

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses]. For Mary Holme to pay to John, Hannah, Ruth, Mary & Rachaell, natural & lawful children of Edward [*sic*, but should be Edmund] Holme, late of Cotterdale, deceased, all childs parts &c.

[140] Alice Metcalfe of East Grange

The twentieth day of December 1684, I Alice Metcalfe of East Grange in the parish of Aysgarth, widdow, being sicke in body. To be buried in the chappell or chappell yarde of Askrigge. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Willson, the wife of Richard Willson, all my householde goods, one cubboade [*sic*] onely excepted, which I doe heerby give unto my grand childe Margarett Willson. I give unto Duke Bell, the son of my brother Marke Bell, five shillings. I give my grande childe John Willson, the son of Richard Willson, five shillings to be put forward for his use untill he attaine to his lawfull age. I appointe my two sons, Roger Metcalfe and John Metcalfe, my jointe executors, and I doe give unto them jointely all my houses, lands and all bills, bondes, chattells and moneys, equally to be devided.

[Mark & wax seal]

Wit: Christopher X Alderson the elder, Peter X Caygill, George X Bell, John Forster [The will is in his hand]

[Probate at Richmond 17 Jan 1684/5 to John Metcalfe, one of the exors named; power reserved to Roger, the other exor]

An Inventory of Alice Metcalfe, late of East Grange in the parish of Aysgarth, widdow, the twenty nynth day of December 1684 [There are gaps in the document, which I represent by ?]

her purse & apparell £2 : ? : ?. 2 beddes & the bedding thereto belonging £1 : 6 : 8. brass & pewter £1. all the wooden vessels in the [blank] £1 : 6 : 4 [probably]. all the fire vessells [?] one cupboarde and dishbink £1 : 3 : 4. two paire Welsh garters 3d. halfe a doozen of weomens [*sic*] stockings 5/-. all the tables, stooles, chists, stooles and fourmes and boxes 13/-. some little earthen pottes and doublers 1/-. some horse loade or two of coales 1/-. debts owne to the deceased by severall persons as by severall bonds appeareth £88 : 4 : 7 [altered from £77]. funerall expences to be deducted £3 : 4 : 2 [altered from £3 : 7 : 2]. Remaineing *de claro* £85 : – : 5.

Thomas X [?], Adam X Bat[?][1], John F[orster, no doubt; the inventory is in his hand; the edge of the MS is torn off]

Bond 17 Jan 1684/5 by John X Metcalfe of Askrigg, yeoman, & John Forster of Askrigg, notary public. £200.

For John Metcalfe to keep the will of Alice Metcalfe, late of East Grainge.

Wit: Wil: Drummond, Ar: Farmer

[141] John Falder of Simonstone

Bond 19 March 1684/5 by Jane X Falder of Simen Stone, widow, & John Blenkiron [signed Blenkarn) of Simen Stone, yeoman. £20.

For Jane Falder to administer the goods of John Falder, late of Simen Stone.

Wit: Peter Alcock, Ar: Farmer.

[There is no inventory with the papers, although the amount of the bond would normally be based on the inventory total, and a Latin endorsement calls for an inventory to be exhibited within a month]

[142] Edward Dent of Helbeck Lunds

Aprill the 22d day 1686, An Inventory of Edward Dents of Helbeck Lundes, deceased, viewed by us Edward Tailor, [edge of MS frayed]er Metcalfe, Ralph Blades and William Gibson:

his purse and apparell £2. one cuppboord, one almery and dishbinke £1 : 10 : 6. in brasse and puter 13/4. in wodden vessell 12/6. one table and chayres and stooles 6/8. in bedstocks and bedding £1 : 1 : –. two chistes 6/8. in husbandry geare 5/-. two kine with calve £4 : 5 : 6. two geld kine £3 : 6 : 8. other two geld kine £3 : 5 : –. two little steeres £2 : 13 : 4. one steere and one heffer £2 : 6 : 8. three yearing

[1] Probably Battison; see No. 147.

calves £2. thre young calves 15/-. one blacke mare £3 : 6 : 8. twenty ewes and lambes £6 : 13 : 8. eleaven ewes and one toope £3. nine gimmer hogges and one toope hogge £2 : 10 : –.

Debts oweing to the deceased by Tho Fawcett 3/-. Willm Shawe wife, vizt Eliz Shawe, is oweing to him 2/-. oweing by Cybell Miller at May Day next 15/-. oweing by John Tailor at May Day next 13/4. oweing by Chr. Wilkinson wife at May Day next 4/6. Some £42 : 16 : –.

Debts oweing by the deceased to his sister Jean £10. to Arthur Regnoldson £8. John Alderson £2. James Dawson £1 : 15 : –. John Metcalfe [blank]. Richard Warricke 10/-. Tho Moore 7/4. Willm Gibson £2 : 2 : –. Robert Edmondson 6/-. Hugh Bernard 2/6. Some £25 : 2 : 10.

[At foot: Admon at Richmond 29 May [*sic*, but should almost certainly read April, like the bonds] 1686 to Margaret Dent, widow & relict, together with sole tuition of the children]

Bond 29 April by Margaret X Dent of Felbeck [*sic*] Lunes, widow, & Ralph Blades [signed Blaydes] of Felbeck Lunes, yeoman. £100.

For Margaret Dent to administer the goods of Edward Dent, late of Felbeck Lunes.

Wit: Jo: Kirton, Ar: Farmer.

Tuition Bond [same date, parties, amount, witnesses] for Margaret Dent to pay to Edward, Elizabeth & Margaret Dent, natural & lawful children of Edward Dent, late of Febbeck [*sic*] Lunes, deceased, their childs parts &c.

[143] John Metcalfe of Hardraw

An apprisement of the goods & chattels of John Metcalfe, deceased about 8th of this istant [*sic*] November the 30th 1686, for the use of Sir John Lowether de Lowether:
foure cine £10 : 5 : – [altered from £10]. two heffers £4 : 16 : 8 [altered from £5 : 13 : 4]. four calves £2 : 13 : 4. ane stack of hay £2 : 6 : 8. and picke of hay £1 : 13 : 4. another littel lumpe of hay 10/-. his purse & apparell £3 : 12 : –. two bedsteads in low parlour, with bedin on or about £12. table & forms belonging to it 14/-. a chire, chist & coffers or truncks 18/6. weigh bouks, weights & other wooden things 5/-. black wooll & white, about six pounds 4/8. two bedsteads & bedine belonging in east chamber, chists, a chaire, other wooden things £4. another bedstead in a east parlour 8/-. East parlour, dishake, ckills [obviously intended for skills, i.e., skeels] & other wooden vessel 16/8. dishbink, two littel tables with dishes, skilles & other wooden vessel £1 : 7 : –. wheel & cards 5/6. iron pots, pans or brass £1 : 15 : –. dishes, flagons, cups, chamber poots £2 : 18 : –. booels, trenchers, with other things 13/-. cubbert with cuishen £1 : 3 : 4. tabel, forms, long settel with quishens £1 : 2 : 4. gavelock, hack, recon, tongs, fireshoole £1. hoose prees and boords £1 : 3 : 4. duzon of hoos 9/-. cheese 6/8. beefe 4/-. a paire cart wheeles, brrow [*sic*] 5/8. By us who are here expressed to: £57 : 16 : 2.

Trinjan X Metcaffe, William X Dorrow, Phillip Allan, James X Metcalfe

[Admon at Richmond 23 Dec 1686 to William Hillery, by renunciation & petition of Ann Metcalfe, widow & relict of the deceased]

[On p. 3 of the folded sheet; i.e., opposite the grant of admon]

An inventory of John Metcalfe specialties and other credits which is most or all of them desperate, that is of the credits, neither can wee give a true account how much they are, onely the specialtis they are here expressed:
John Metcalfe of Forsdalle £2 : 6 : 8. John Buckeles of Lemen £2 : 6 : –, which is all that wee finde.

And the debetory wee finde of his owen, or by his owen account, the whole sume of £71 : 10 : 6, and that wee know of more, a bond of £14. more £8 : 4 : –. more £1. more £1 : 10 : –.

And it is supposed more then wee can give a certane account of at present, soe that I do but administer of what as doth or may come into my hands safely soe fare as the same may or doth extend towards the paying of his debetory, what soever it may be. To Sir Jo: Lowether for rent, the sum of £18 due at Martenmas last past.

[Not signed, and not in the hand of William Hillary, the admor.]

Bond 23 Dec 1686 by William Hillery [signed Hillary] of Pitts House [*sic*, but the Renunciation, below, has Pry House, which will be correct], yeoman, & Augustine Metcalfe of Litherskew, yeoman. £100.

For William Hillary to administer the goods &c of John Metcalfe, late of Hardraw, for the sole use of Ann Metcalfe, his widow.

Wit: Joh: Kirton, Ar: Farmer.

Know all men by these presents that I, Ann Metcalfe, layt wife of John Metcalfe of Hardrow, yeoman, deceased, doe assigne all my whole right & interest belonging to me as upon the administration of the good chattles & creditts of the said John Metcalfe, my layt deceased husband, unto Willyam Hillrey of Pry House, yeoman, the 18th day of December 1686. [Signed Ann Metcalfe]

Wit: Tho: Hayton, Aug: Metcalfe

[144] Ralph Blades of Helbeck Lunds

A true and perfect Inventory of Ralph Blades, late of Helbeck Lundes, viewed and prised by us, viz Robert Hunter, Thomas Blades, Thomas Parnton & William Gibson the 18th day off June 1687:
his purse & apparrell £1 : 13 : 4. brasse and puter £1 : 10 : –. bedstockes and bedding £1 : 1 : 6. wodden vessell 6/8. one cuppbord and one dishbinke £1 : 6 : 8. tables, chistes and other household stuffe £1 : 1 : –. husbandry geare 13/-. five kine £7 : 6 : 6. other six young bease £6 : 1 : 6. twenty two ewes and lambes and tenn other sheepe £10 : 5 : –. ould hay £1 : 10 : –. two mares and one foale £6 : 13 : 4.

Money oweing to the deceased by James Blades of Satteren in Swaledaile 10/-. £39 : 18 : 6.

Debts oweing by the deceased to Phillip Allen of Snazhelme, who claymes £20. to his brother George Blaides £19. to Thomas Robinson of Mosedaile £12. Funerall expences £4 : 15 : –.

Bond 13 Aug 1687 by Mary Blades [signed Bllayedes] of Felbeck Lunes, widow, & William Gibson of the same, gent. £100.

For Mary Blades to administer the goods of Ralph Blades, late of Felbeck Lunes.

Wit: Oswald Routh, Jo: Metcalfe, Tho: Hunter.

Tuition Bond 10 Aug 1687 [same parties—but Mary Blades signed Bllaydes—amount & witnesses]

For Mary Blades to pay to George & Rachel Blades, natural & lawful children of Ralpha Blade [*sic*], late of Felbeck Lunes, their childs parts &c.

[145] Alexander Metcalfe of Sedbusk

[Probably a son of Henry Metcalfe, senior, of Sedbusk, whose will is No. 87]

September the 24° 1687. A trew and perfect Inventory of Alex^r Metcalfs of Sedbuske in the parrish of Asegarth:
his purs & apparrill £2. beds & bedding £6. 2 chists & 3 tables £2. 1 cupbord & drisser & longsettle £2 : 10 : –. brass & pewther & 1 iron pott £2 : 10 : –. 1 dishbinch & wood vessell £1 : – : 6. chayers & stooles 5/-. 1 litle table 2/-. quishings 2/-. tongs, recon & couldrack 2/-. spitt, racks & 2 iron candlesticks 2/9. 1 frying pan, dripping pan, with other small implements 5/-. 1 back board, backstone & 3 shelves 2/-. beefe, bacon, butter & chese 15/-. husbandry geare 10/-. a small parcill of turfe & cole 2/6.

In good & bad depts owing to the deseased £20. 4 kine, 4 calves & sum other young bease £16. 10 geldings & mares & 2 foles £24. 6 litle stacks of hay £10. 120 od shepe, young & ould, if all found £25. 3 fatt bease £8. In totall £121 : 8 : 9.

In depts owne by the deseased & funerall expenses £200.

Matt: Blyth, George X Todd, Henry X Metcalfe, Tho: Caygill.

[At foot: Admon at Bainbridge 20 Oct 1687[1] to Margaret Metcalfe, widow & relict of the deceased]

Bond 24 Oct 1687[1] by Margaret Metcalfe [signed Margrett Metcalf] of Sedbuske, widow, Thomas Caygill of Bainbridge, marcer, & Matthew Blyth of the same, yeoman. £40 ['*quadragint*', but the total of the inventory suggests that £400, '*quadringenti*', was intended]

For Margaret Metcalfe to administer the goods &c of Alexander Metcalfe, her late husband, late of Sedbuske.

Wit: Timo: Lancaster, Ar: Farmer.

[1] The date of the bond, 24 Oct., is probably an error for 20 Oct., for admon would not normally be granted until the bond had been executed. There are cases, however, where the bond is *one* day later than the grant.

[146] Henry Dawson of Lunds

Bond 31 May 1688 by James Dawson of Lunds, yeoman, & James Willan of Lunds, yeoman. £40.

For James Dawson to administer the goods &c of Henry Dawson, late of Lunds.

Wit: Timo: Lancaster, Jo: Hood.

[No Inventory extant]

[147] Elizabeth Pratt of Shaw Cote

4th March 1688/9 [*sic*]. An Appraisment made by us of the goods & chattells of Elizabeth Pratt, wido, deceased, late of Shallcote:
We appraise & valew hir porse and aparell to the sum of £5. one coue £1 : 10 : –. one comye of haye 10/-. the pouder, brase, bedstokes & bedin, wod vesell, hosbandregeare, tabels & chares £10. Prased by us, item, a lease of certain lands which late did belong unto Alexander Colby or C^{t} [*sic*; ? Christopher] Moore, the lease being neare out £200.

John Jackson, John X Blades, Richard X Blades, Christopher X Blades.

[Endorsed: Admon at Richmond 4 March 1688[/9] to Christopher Metcalfe, next of kin of the deceased]

[On a separate sheet, with no heading]

Matthew Bywell & Peter Caygill, bond for 1688	£5
Adam & William Barwicke, bond for 1684	20
Francis Lambert & Alexander Lambert, bond 1686	50
John Benthom & Richard Benthom, bond 1686	6 : 10 : –
George Caygills & Thomas Caygills, bond 1669	10 : 10 : 7
James Barricke & John Winterscales, bond 1682	10
John Skarr & Adam Battison, bond 1679	20
Christopher Alderson & Gorge Caygill, bond 1676	20
Christopher Tomson & John Lambert, bond 1665	7
George Caygill & Christopher Alderson, bond 1672	10
Peter Caygill, bond for 1680	6
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Desprett: Allex Colsby[1] £20. Christopher Dinsdale 15/-.

[1] It seems strange that a debt due from Alexander Col(e)by should have been treated as bad. The Court of Chancery had held that the one-third part of the manor which had belonged to John Col(e)by, Alexander's father, had been obtained by fraud by Alexander Smith, Anthony Fothergill and Thomas Lambert. The case went to the House of Lords, which on 18 Nov. 1685 dismissed an appeal by Smith, Fothergill and Lambert and affirmed the decree made in the Court of Chancery. The £20 allegedly owing to Elizabeth Pratt may, of course, have been in dispute.

Prased by us, John Jackson, John X Blades, Richard X Blades, Christopher X Blades.

[Neither the dated inventory nor the list of debtors is totalled; the goods come to £17 and with the lease (£200) and the debts due under bond (£280 : – : 7) the total is £497 : – : 7, excluding bad debts. A bond for £1000—see below—was therefore appropriate]

Bond 4 March 1688/9 by Christopher Metcalfe of Shall Coate, alias Shaw Coate, gent., & John Jackson of Bainbridge, butcher. £1000.

For Christopher Metcalfe to administer the goods &c of Elizabeth Pratt, late of Shall Coate, otherwise Shawcoate.

Wit: Jo: Kirton, Ar Farmer.

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SELECT GLOSSARY

of dialect words used in the wills and inventories; many are Old Norse in origin (mainly culled from Wright's Dialect Dictionary)

A. Horses, cattle and sheep:

Bull seg(g). A bull castrated when fully grown.
Bull stirk(e), bulstirke (see Stirk).
Colt(e) stag(g)(e) (see Stag(g)).
Gal(l)away, galloway. A small, strong horse of a breed originating in Galloway.
Gim(m)er, gemmer, gymber, gymmar, gymmer. A young female sheep, generally from 1-2 years old, or between the first and second shearing; a ewe that has not yet borne young.
Gimmer hog(g)(e) (see Hog(g)(e)).
Hog(g)(e), hodge. A young sheep of about a year old, before it has been shorn.
Kye (see Why(e)).
Oxestyrk (see Stirk).
Qwei, Qwye (see Why(e)).
Riggotte, regilte, rigeld. A partially-castrated animal.
Shear wether ('shere wedder'). A wether lamb after the first shearing.
Skabde meare (i.e., scabbed mare). A worthless, ill-looking mare.
Stag(g), stage. A young horse, esp. one unbroken; or, an animal castrated when fully grown.
Steer(e), stear(e). A young ox.
Stirk(e), sterke, stricke, stryk(e), sturke, styrke. A young bullock or heifer, usually between 1-2 years old.
Stoned co(u)lt, stond hors. An entire (colt, horse), a stallion.
Stot(t)(e). A young bull or ox, esp. one three years old.
Tagged ('tagged bulstirke'). Unhealthy looking, out of condition.
Tup(p)(e), toope, toppe, toppt. A ram. (For 'toope hogge', see Hog(g)(e)).
Twinter, twenter, twynter ('beasts', 'bese', 'cattell', 'horses', 'stottes', 'qwye', 'waders', 'whies'). Two-year-old. Of sheep, one which has been shorn not more than thrice.
We(a)ther, weader, wedder, wheather. A male sheep, esp. one castrated.
Why(e), wh(i)(e), kye, qwei, qwye. A heifer of any age up to three years, or until she has had a calf ('whiestyrke', 'whye sterke').
Yow(e), youe. A ewe.

B. Farm and household implements, furniture, etc.

A(l)mery, almarye, ambre, aumrye, omerey. A cupboard, locker, press.
Ark(e). A large wooden chest for flour, corn, clothes, etc.
Bedsto(c)ke. The wooden framework of the bed.
Backstone. A flat piece of stone or iron, on which oat-cakes were baked; often with a handle over the top.
Bigg. A coarse barley, with four rows on each head.
Brand(e)reth, branderoth. An iron framework placed over or before the fire, on which to rest utensils.
Dishbin(c)k(e), dis(h)binch, dishbench, dysshe bynke. A rack in which dishes and plates are placed.
Fire elden, eldin. Firing or fuel of any kind (peat, brushwood, etc.).
Fleak. A frame or rack suspended from the ceiling, on which oat-cake, bacon, etc., is laid to dry.
Ga(y)velock(e). An iron crowbar, a lever; a large fork.
Gimlin. A large shallow tub in which bacon is salted.
Girdell, gyrdell. Variant of griddle ('girdell for bayken bread').

Girdion. Variant of grid-iron or griddle.
Hack(e). Any tool of the mattock, hoe, pick-axe type; a wooden frame or rack on which cheeses are hung to dry.
Happin(g)(e), happynge, A coverlet.
Harden. A coarse cloth ('harden shete', 'course harden').
Heckle. A flax comb.
Kirne. A variant of churn.
Kit(t), kyte. A large milk-can; a wooden milking-pail; a bucket; a small barrel.
Lyne. Flax, linen.
Maund. A basket, hamper.
Milk(e) spenc(e). A milk can.
Omerey, see Almery.
Pullen. Poultry.
Quishing(e), queshing, quich(i)on, quishin(e), quistion, quysshone. Cushion.
Raggin, racken, reacon, rekand, rackon, rakand, reckan, recon, reakin. An iron bar or hook in a chimney for suspending pots over the fire.
Reckon-crook, etc. The crane or hook from which pots are suspended.
Ruck (of hay). Rick.
Sam(m)oron. A cloth of a texture between linen and hemp ('samoron sheet').
Skeel(l)(e), skeil, skell, skill(e). A wooden bucket, pail, tub, etc.
Sock. A ploughshare.
Stee. A ladder.
Syle, sile. A strainer, sieve, esp. for milk.
Temse. A strainer, sieve, esp. for meal and flour.
Testard bed(d). A bed with a canopy and head-board.
Trunnel bed. A truckle bed.
Weigh back, boke, bouk. The beam of a pair of scales or steelyard.
Womble (pronounced 'woomle'). An auger.
Yearne. Yarn.